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Gorbachov home to tide of trouble

Soviet ethnic riots leave eleven dead

From RICHARD OWEN IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachov faced mounting troubles when he returned to the Kremlin last night, with serious clashes between Uzbeks and Kirghiz in Soviet Central Asia leaving 11 dead, and economic disintegration fuelling the rise of Mr Boris Yeltsin.

Disturbances in the town of Osh on Monday flared again yesterday and two border policemen were among 11 dead. More than 200 people were injured, some seriously.

In Moscow, the Soviet leader, who only the day before had been lobbying American businessmen to invest in the Soviet Union, found his controversial market economy plan under renewed pressure.

Riots began when Uzbeks, who form the majority in Osh, began arguing with native Kirghiz at a rally held to discuss land allocation. Arguments raged and Uzbeks rampaged through Osh burning houses, overturning cars, smashing windows and storming the police station. Witnesses said police had at first fired into the air but then into the crowd.

A state of emergency was declared in Osh and surrounding districts. Osh is only just over 100 miles from the Fergana Valley near the Chinese border, where more than 100 people died in ethnic disturbances a year ago. Soviet journalists in nearby Frunze said the Uzbek community in Kirghizia was appealing to fellow Uzbeks in Uzbekistan to come to their aid. Soviet officials said troop reinforcements had been sent to Osh.

Rivalries over farmland and scarce water resources have been a flashpoint in Central Asia for the past year. Last summer there were serious clashes on the border between Kirghizia and Tadjikistan.

Tass said the latest violence had been sparked off by a dispute over plots of land just outside Osh. Reports said a group of Kirghiz, claiming they were being denied housing, had occupied the land to build homes. This had led to the confrontation.

General Viktor Goncharov, the Kirghiz republic's Interior Minister, was appointed military commander of the region yesterday to supervise the state of emergency as the Kirghiz government set up a special investigation.

The clashes involved 10,000 Uzbeks and up to 1,500 Kirghiz at a collective farm near Osh. Officials said Interior Ministry troops and border police had at first managed to control the crowd, but a large group of Kirghiz had arrived late on Monday night and the troops had lost control. Police made more than 50 arrests.

Osh is under strict curfew and streets and public buildings are being patrolled by Interior Ministry groups. *Red Star*, the armed forces newspaper, said that the root of the problem lay in demands by Uzbek extremists for union with Uzbekistan and autonomy for the Osh region.

In Moscow, senior Soviet officials signalled a partial retreat from the plan for a market economy involving price rises, saying the proposals might be delayed and amended after a "dialogue with the people".

The economic plan, which the Supreme Soviet was to vote on this week, has been subjected to withering criticism — from radicals, who want the state planning system completely dismantled, and also from hardliners, who fear capitulation to capitalism.

Yesterday Mr Venyamin Yarin, a former metalworker who is now on the Presidential Council, said Mr Gorbachov had told his senior advisers to "go to the people". Mr Yarin said: "We need an open conversation with the workers." But if the Government marks time, Mr Yeltsin, the radical Russian President, will use his new powers and enormous popular standing to seize the initiative.

The struggle over the appointment of Mr Yeltsin's deputies in the Russian parliament, which had underlined the deadlock between his Democratic Russia group and the conservative Communist Party apparatus, was resolved yesterday when MPs approved Mr Yeltsin's nomination of Mr Ruslan Khasbulatov, from the Northern Caucasus, as his first deputy.

Deputies, said Mr Yeltsin, could appeal directly to the people at rallies to advocate an alternative economic programme.

Mr Gorbachov's diplomacy in the United States and his walkabouts amid "Gorbymania" were shown at length on Soviet television. But many Russians, while approving the new warmth in superpower relations, found it strange that a leader they regard as floundering should have been mobbed as a hero. "There is a sense of drift here, a sinking ship," one said. "Meanwhile, Gorbachov tells us what a nice time Raisa had in Boston. He's badly out of touch."

The Supreme Soviet yesterday extended its current session, which should have ended on Friday, for a further week, to give Mr Gorbachov a chance to report next Tuesday on his summit talks. However, the delay also gives the Government a breathing space on the economy. Some officials think the plan for a "regulated market economy" should be withdrawn and tabled again when the Supreme Soviet meets in September. They fear that the Government will be defeated next week, and Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Prime Minister, forced to step down.

Several working-class deputies appeared alongside Mr Yarin yesterday to express the "shock and bewilderment" of workers at being presented with a plan providing for higher prices and private ownership of land and property after 70 years of state socialism.

Mr Yarin, a noted reformer, said such views were understandable but it was time the state stopped telling people what they should earn and where they should live.

Mr Alexander Yakovlev, another Presidential Council official and also a Politburo member, said the Soviet Union should avoid a split between radicals and conservatives by forging a national consensus based on "human and social freedoms". But he stopped short of suggesting a coalition government.

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DAVID HUTCHISON

Mr Antonas Gecas arriving home yesterday after the court hearing in Edinburgh

Crash driver faces charge of involuntary murder

By LIN JENKINS AND RICHARD FORD

THE coach driver in the French holiday crash which claimed 11 lives will probably be charged today with involuntary murder, the French prosecutor said yesterday.

Mr John Johnston, aged 52, of Stoke-on-Trent, who is seriously ill as a result of injuries sustained when the double-decker coach careered off the motorway while he was at the wheel on Sunday, was questioned by investigators yesterday as a more detailed examination was made of the tachograph information.

Captain Patrick Mathieu, head of the regional motorway police, said after leaving the hospital in Auxerre where he interviewed Mr Johnston that the driver was under house arrest. A police guard will remain at his bedside until he is either charged or freed. Statements taken while a British Embassy official was present would be passed to the examining magistrate.

Officials allege that the coach was travelling at 22 mph above the speed limit when it crashed, killing 11 people and injuring 60 as they returned from holidays in Spain.

M Jean-Luc Soulhol, the public prosecutor, said at the Palais de Justice at Sens: "It is very probable he will be charged tomorrow morning with involuntary murder and involuntary wounding." Involuntary murder is not so serious a charge as manslaughter but more serious than causing death by dangerous driving. If charged and found guilty, he might be jailed for up to five years.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Transport Secretary, said yesterday in answer to an emergency question in the Commons that the tyre which burst had been in good condition and the vehicle properly licensed and operated.

He is to put pressure on coach operators to fit seat belts in their vehicles despite the failure of the European Community to back the measure. He is to press for the speedy introduction of speed limiters, which cut out the engine at 70 mph. Coaches built after 1984 have them fitted, but those built between 1974 and 1984 have until next April to have them installed.

Mr Ray Cash, 39, the owner of the vehicle, said he would do all he could to help friends and relatives of those involved. For six hours he had himself believed his wife Jan, a courier on the coach, was dead.

He confirmed there had been another incident involving the same coach three weeks ago when it ran out of fuel while bringing holidaymakers back from Spain. Several male passengers had to push the vehicle to the side of the road and there was a whiproud to raise more than £100 to buy diesel as the driver did not have enough money. The cash was refunded two hours later.

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Resorts must issue pollution notices

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH seaside resorts will in future have to proclaim their pollution problems as well as their traditional amenities, Mr David Trippier, Minister for the Environment and the Countryside, announced yesterday.

Resorts such as Blackpool, whose three beaches last year all failed to meet European sewage pollution standards, will be expected to display the fact publicly. A similar requirement is likely to be made of beaches in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Mr Trippier made the announcement when presenting the European Blue Flag awards for outstanding bathing beaches, in which Britain had one of the poorest records in the EC, with only 29 awards compared to 137 in Spain, 128 in Denmark, 102 in France and 48 in the Irish Republic.

Professor Graham Ashworth, chairman of the Tidy Britain Group which organized the judging with the Water Services Association and the English Tourist Board, commented: "Britain's beaches are a national disgrace."

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Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman and chief executive of the brewers Guinness, yesterday began his evidence in the long-running trial at Southwark Crown Court into an alleged illegal share support operation during the takeover of Distillers in 1986. Mr Saunders and three other City figures deny charges of theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act.

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Settlement in war crimes suit

By KERRY GILL

A DEFAMATION action against Times Newspapers by a Lithuanian-born man claiming he had been falsely accused of war crimes was settled yesterday.

Times Newspapers will pay no damages to Mr Antonas Gecas, a naturalized Briton, but in an out-of-court settlement agreed to contribute an undisclosed sum towards his legal costs.

Times Newspapers stood firm against Mr Gecas's main complaint over claims that he was allegedly involved in atrocities during the Second World War, but conceded there were certain specific inaccuracies in two articles. Lawyers for Times Newspapers were prepared to go ahead and defend the action but agreed a settlement in the light of Mr Gecas's lawyers working on a no-win, no-fee basis.

After the hearing Mr Alastair Brett, company solicitor for Times Newspapers, said it had been obliged to take a commercial view by the arrangement between the plaintiff and his lawyers.

The Times could have incurred legal fees approaching £500,000 with no chance of recouping the money from Mr Gecas. Both parties said they regarded the settlement as satisfactory.

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MPs may vote again on Nazis

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND SHEILA GUNN

THE Commons is expected to be given another chance to vote on whether British courts should be given powers to try alleged Nazi war criminals before the Government decides whether to reintroduce the Bill defeated by 207 votes to 74 in the Lords on Monday.

The Government wants to keep down the general political tempo and there will be no rushed decision on whether to defy the Lords by pressing on with legislation. Ministers want to digest the Lords' debate and let feelings cool.

Senior colleagues believe, however, that Mrs Thatcher and Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, will seek to press ahead with a revived war crimes Bill after a decent interval and that there will be more weight behind the move if MPs have again endorsed the principle by a large majority. Government sources yesterday were saying that the Commons would clearly wish to be involved in any decision on the future of the Bill.

Ministers discussed the issue at a Cabinet meeting yesterday — brought forward this week because Mrs Thatcher will be flying to Moscow tomorrow — but they took no decision on how to react to the Lords' rare refusal to give a government Bill a second reading.

Lord Belstead, Leader of the Lords, is understood to have told the Cabinet that if the Commons votes by a substantial majority to bring back the Bill, he does not expect peers to reject it again on second reading. To do so would force the Government to activate the 1911/1949 Parliament Acts and bypass the Lords by sending the legislation directly to the Queen for royal assent.

Peers would be concerned that such action drags the Queen into the dispute between the two Houses.

In answer to protests from some Ministers and MPs that the Lords had exceeded its powers, Lord Belstead is believed to have quoted Lord Carrington and Lord Windlesham. The two former Conservative leaders of the Lords voted against the Bill, arguing that peers were within their rights in rejecting it on a free vote.

There was little attempt yesterday in the Commons to claim constitutional outrage over a Bill which had not figured in the Conservative election manifesto and on which both MPs and peers had a free vote.

Mrs Thatcher gave encouragement to MPs seeking the reintroduction of the war crimes Bill at question time.

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World Cup Guide

IN A special eight-page section today, *The Times* presents a guide to the World Cup, which begins on Friday.

Graham Taylor, expected to be appointed as the new manager of the England team, will be contributing to *The Times* throughout the World Cup, while the tournament's issues are examined by our football correspondents, headed by David Miller.

England concluded their warm-up matches with a 10-2 win over a Sardinian XI.

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Soviet troops see red over cost of capitalism

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

THE 380,000 Soviet troops and their families, now based in East Germany, are starting to worry about the cost of living in the capitalist world. From the beginning of next month they will have to pay for everything outside their bases and barracks in hard Western currency and they are already complaining that they will not have enough money to buy things when Western goods come on to the market.

Under the terms of the state treaty bringing in currency union between the two Germanies from July 2, Soviet troops are allowed to exchange their valueless Ostmarks, including savings, into hard, convertible Deutschmarks at a rate of two-to-one.

According to the Soviet Chief of Staff, General Mikhail Moiseyev, this rate is "just not acceptable". He told the newspaper *Die Welt* yesterday: "We are soldiers and we cannot choose where we must serve. Our officers in the Western Armed Forces Group (which is based in East Germany) see themselves at a disadvantage if this two-to-one exchange is brought in for them."

The general denied that many servicemen had been able to make substantial savings during a five-year tour of duty in East Germany. Anyway, they wanted cash now in order to buy large domestic appliances and they would be unfairly punished compared with the East Germans who were able to exchange their cash at a one-for-one rate.

As for West Germany paying the cost of maintaining Soviet troops in East Germany, he said that this was only fair since Bonn had for some time been paying towards the upkeep of American troops in Europe.

Asked how long would the Soviet forces remain in East Germany, the general laughed and, after a pause, said: "So long as there are American troops on West German soil."

The Soviet people, he said, had not invaded Germany because they wanted to. During the Second World War they had sacrificed more than any other nation and suffered 27 million casualties. "Therefore we cannot be indifferent to what is portrayed as a united Germany and how long Nato will exist."

It became clear at the Washington superpower summit that West Germany was being expected by both Nato and the Warsaw Pact to contribute substantially to the maintenance of Soviet troops in East Germany and to pay towards the building of new barracks back in the Soviet Union for the troops and their families as they are withdrawn.

West Germany has already undertaken to honour the existing international obligations of East Germany, which has been paying 700 million Ostmarks a year to the upkeep of the huge Soviet garrison.

Sources here say that Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, is prepared to offer DM300 million (£105 million) a year, for a transitional period, lasting perhaps seven years, while negotiations go ahead for the troops to withdraw. That figure is probably too low, although savings on the West German defence budget could make it possible to find more money.

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Britain to fight EC proposals said to threaten 5½m jobs

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

THREE draft directives on part-time employment expected to be adopted today in Brussels by the European Commission threaten the jobs of up to 5½ million British workers, according to senior Whitehall sources.

Ministers are determined to fight the proposals, the first fruits of the Social Charter approved in the face of lone British opposition last year, when they come before them later in the year.

They are particularly incensed by a plan requiring every employer seeking extra staff to offer vacancies first to his part-time workers before going into the labour market and recruiting those without a job. A senior Department of Employment source said yesterday that this proposal was "amazingly prescriptive" and the planned directives were "hostile" to part-time work.

Ministers insist that Britain has the best record in Europe in creating employment, much of which has come in the part-time sphere, and they believe that the new directives would seriously jeopardize that achievement by burdening firms with needless regulation. However, they fear that with the Commission planning to pass two of the proposed directives by majority voting in the Council of Ministers, their protests may be in vain. Much will depend on the success of Mr Michael Howard, Secretary of State for Employment, in mobilizing opposition from other nations.

Mr Howard was said yesterday to regard the measures, part of a social action programme of more than 40 planned directives over the next two years, as "misguided" and "unnecessary".

His determination to confront the Commission will bring him into conflict with Mrs Vasso Papandreou, the social affairs Commissioner, who is intent on pressing on with proposals she believes are essential to ensure free competition with the advent of the single market of 1992. Mr Howard is said to believe that the Commission has failed to produce evidence to back this assertion.

The departmental sources pointed out that 24 per cent of the British labour force works part time and that, contrary to the position adopted by Ms Papandreou, two-thirds of those 5½ million people do so of their own volition.

The sources say that the planned directives would compel employers to justify the recruitment of a part-time worker every time such a vacancy was created; forbid temporary employment contracts lasting more than three years; limit the employment opportunities open to part-timers; and give part-time staff the same entitlement to state and company benefits as their full-time colleagues.

The sources said that such changes would inevitably push up employers' costs and so reduce the number of part-time and temporary staff.

Mr Howard signalled his determination to take on the Commission last month when he said it would be "foolish and damaging" for the Commission to burden states with a host of regulations that would severely reduce labour market flexibility.

He pointed out that unemployment in the EC stood at more than 14 million and that it faced fierce competition not only from the Far East but also from Eastern Europe.

Awards for three Times writers

By Robin Young

Bernard Levin of *The Times* was yesterday named columnist of the year in the UK Press Gazette British press awards.

The judges' citation said that his "polemic on the shortcomings of the banks which fell foul of their lending policies was one of a series of columns which attracted the judges. Both he and Keith Waterhouse [of the *Daily Mail*, whose work was commended] are seasoned campaigners in this category and neither shows any signs of being past his best."

Bernard Levin won the British press award as columnist of the year in 1987, and won *What the Papers Say* awards as columnist of the year from Granada Television in 1968 and 1971.

Two other *Times* writers won commendations. Brian James, who won the title feature writer of the year last year, was again commended in the category which drew the largest entry of all, and Anne McElvoy was commended in the category for young journalists for her "superb coverage in Berlin".

Sandy Bremner, from the *Press & Journal*, Aberdeen, was campaigning journalist of the year. The awards, sponsored by the Post Office, were presented by Mr Norman Tebbit, former Conservative party chairman, in London.

Other winners and commendations were:

Reporter of the Year: David Hencke, *Guardian*. Commended: Chris House, *Sunday Mirror*; Alfred Lee, *Sunday Express*. International reporter of the year: Jonathan Mirsky, *Observer*. Commended: John Passmore, *Evening Standard*; Peter Millar, *Sunday Times*. Critic of the year: Jack Tinker, *Daily Mail*. Commended: Michael Ratcliffe, *Observer*.

Colour magazine writer of the year: Russell Miller, *Sunday Times*. Commended: John Sweeney, *Observer*. General feature writer of the year: Ann Leslie, *Daily Mail*. Commended: Mary Riddell, *Daily Mirror*. The David Holden award: Rupert Cornwell, *Independent*. Commended: the late David Blundy, *Sunday Correspondent*, who was killed reporting from El Salvador.

News photographer of the year: Dario Mitidieri, freelance. Sports photographer of the year: Rob Rathbone, *Sunday Mirror*, and Tim Clayton, *Yorkshire Post* (joint).

Provincial journalist of the year: Alan Hutchison, *Scotsman*. Commended: Marian Pallister, *Glasgow Evening Times*; Mark Hanna, *Star*, Sheffield. Young journalist of the year: Jocelyn Targett, *Guardian*. Commended: Kate Muir, *Sunday Correspondent*.

Specialist writer of the year: Sarah Helm, *Independent*. Commended: Paul Barker, *Evening Standard*. Business reporter of the year: Alan Friedman, *Financial Times*. Sports journalist of the year: Ian Wooldridge, *Daily Mail*. Commended: James Lawton, *Daily Express*. Commended in the category campaigning journalist of the year: Margarette Driscoll and John Davidson, *Sunday Times*. Graphic artist of the year: Alan Gilliland, *Daily Telegraph*. The Arthur Sandles award (for travel writers): Frank Barrett, *Independent*. Commended: Alexander Frater, *Observer*.

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JULIAN HERBERT

The Times's trio of award winning journalists yesterday: Brian James, Anne McElvoy and Bernard Levin

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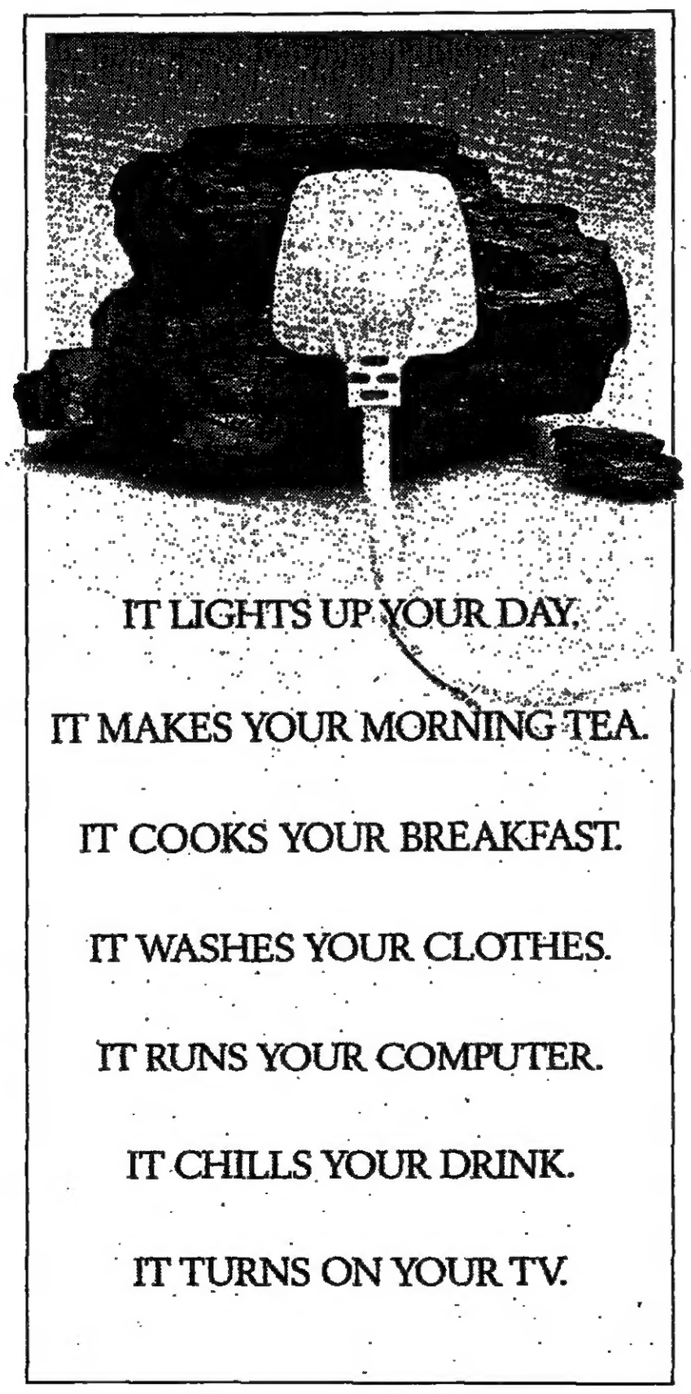

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House price fall is accelerating says new survey

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

THE fall in house prices is accelerating nationally and is expected to continue for the rest of this year, Britain's biggest building society reported yesterday. But a firm recovery is forecast for next year.

The Halifax monthly survey showed that prices in the year to the end of May fell by 1.8 per cent. This followed a fall of 0.2 per cent in April, the first drop in prices on an annual basis recorded by the Halifax since it started to publish figures in 1983.

The figures show that although house prices in May were unchanged compared with the previous month, after seasonal adjustment they fell by 0.4 per cent.

The Halifax say that the price of new houses is now virtually unchanged compared with a year ago. Prices paid by first-time buyers are 2 per cent higher than a year ago because of increases during the second half of last year.

For all houses, the national average price stands at £65,349, while that for new houses is £78,643 and for first-time buyers £51,200.

Mr Gary Marsh of the Society's research department said the regional split was continuing, with prices in the south – including London – probably having bottomed out, falling in the Midlands, and stable or still increasing slightly in the north.

He said it was difficult to predict what might happen in the next few months. If prices stabilised in the north, the overall drop in prices during the year would be no more than five per cent in the 0-5 per cent bracket, but if they fell the average reduction could be between five and 10 per cent.

"In the south the ratio between incomes and house prices went too high, and that meant the prices had to come down. In the north, prices never got out of hand, so it is possible that prices will not fall there," Mr Marsh said.

The Halifax does not expect an increase in prices until next year, but on the back of anticipated reductions in the interest rates suggests a strong recovery in 1991.

In a commentary on the property market published at the weekend, Mr David Goldstone, chairman of the developers Regalian Properties, predicted that the housing market would not recover fully before the next general election.

Organised crime in spotlight

CHIEF constables will today debate the danger of organised crime as work continues in the background to find a formula for establishing a national crime investigation unit to combat the potential menace (Stewart Tendler writes).

The issue dominates part of the first day of the summer conference in Torquay today of the Association of Chief Police Officers. Senior officers, local authority leaders and Home Office officials will hear assessments of organised crime and its dimensions.

Mr John Dellow, president of the association and deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said yesterday that organised crime had considerable potential to damage western economies.

In London in the mid 80s police destroyed one group which might have made over £90million from drugs in little over a year. The gang members were convicted, but when such groups were beaten a vacuum was left which could be filled by other groups. One answer to organised crime lay in national initiatives, he said.

Chief constables have agreed to the establishment of a national intelligence unit, but hopes of an operational wing have been dashed by division among the forces. Some were unhappy about footing the bill and risking loss of control over officers.

Religious broadcasts 'climbdown'

THE Government is to relax the rules governing religious broadcasts on television but will introduce new safeguards against exploitation by extreme religious cults (Sheila Gunn writes).

Amendments to the Broadcasting Bill will be tabled in the Lords in response to a campaign to allow religious groups to transmit special programmes and, in effect, to "sell" their brand of evangelism. Earl Ferrers, the Lords Home Office Minister, yesterday disclosed a climbdown by the Government which had originally opposed changing the present rules which specify "no editorializing" in religious programmes.

Damage charge

Mr Mike Hutchinson, aged 35, and Mr Stephen Hancock, aged 23, peace campaigners from London, were yesterday sent for trial at Oxford Crown Court accused of damaging an F-111 jet at RAF Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, and possessing two mallets intending to cause damage.

Terrier killed

Mr Stephen Harris, a young jockey, has complained to police at Newbury, Berkshire, after a Rottweiler belonging to the leading racehorse trainer Jenny Pitman killed his Jack Russell terrier. Mrs Pitman said she was sorry about what had happened but insisted that her dog was safe.

SDP continues

Members of the SDP in Greenwich voted unanimously not to wind-up the party in the borough. At an emergency meeting of the management committee, a working party, including the MPs Mrs Rosie Barnes and Mr John Cartwright, was set up to examine the party's future in the borough.

Paraquat alert

Doctors are investigating an outbreak of keratosis, a complaint that can develop into skin cancer, among five workers at ICI's Pilkington-Sullivan works in Widnes, Cheshire. The men are all employed in a division of the plant that manufactures paraquat.

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Defence calls in former chief executive to give evidence in long-running Guinness fraud trial

Saunders tells of two years of strife to save company

By Paul Wilkinson

MR ERNEST Saunders told the Guinness trial in London yesterday that when he was appointed chief executive of the brewing empire it was on the verge of financial ruin.

His immediate task was to save it from collapse, which he achieved within two years, he said. He then set about building the company into an international force.

It was the first time since the trial opened 17 weeks ago that the jury at Southwark Crown Court has heard directly from Mr Saunders as he began his evidence in his defence. He told the jury, which includes four women, that shortly before he joined the company in 1981 its shares were falling so fast that he thought "there soon would not be a company to join".

One press report said no dividend would be paid that year and a check of file information on the company led him to believe that he might be dismissed after only 12 months because the profits would be so low. However, he accepted the offer of a £70,000 salary and a £20,000 non-pensionable supplement to join the company.

Mr Saunders and three other leading City figures deny 24 counts of theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act arising out of the Guinness takeover in 1986 of the Scottish drinks firm, Distillers, and alleged illegal share support operations. With Mr Saunders in the dock is Gerald Ronson, chairman of the Heron International group of companies, Anthony Parnes, a stockbroker, and Sir Jack Lyons, the millionaire financier.

Mr Saunders told the jury that when he joined the company its core enterprise was the brewing of draught stout but that the business was stagnant and profits were declining. His counsel, Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, asked him: "In terms of management, what did you find?"

Mr Saunders: "There wasn't any. It was an extraordinary situation. The management was in the hands of what you would say were a series of barons".

Mr Ferguson: "In terms of professionalism how would you rate it?"

Mr Saunders: "Zero. There was no cohesive management. It was split entirely between many, many businesses. An extraordinary hotch potch from snakepit venom to baby potties." The only properly managed part of the business was the technical side of the brewery, but that was not being marketed properly, he said. That needed £100 million spending on it, money Guinness did not have.

He undertook a whistle-stop tour of the 200 subsidiary companies Guinness then controlled. "The results were terrifying," he said.

One of his early tasks was to extricate the company from what Mr Saunders called "the film fiasco", in which the company had ventured into the movie business, committing itself to £100 million of film making.

In the early stages, Mr Saunders said, he got rid of 149 subsidiary companies, bringing in £49 million in revenue, equal to a year's profits. He said his immediate task on taking up his duties was "the survival of the company".

He said that although Guinness was an international firm it was run like a family business "or a club". His day began at 7am and ended when he came home in time for *News at Ten*. At the weekend he would fill his car boot with papers and attempt to get through them by Monday morning.

"I was the chief executive but I was also the chief bottle washer," he said, adding that he had needed to recruit up to 150 top and middle-ranking executives. However, the company had such a poor reputation in the City that it was difficult to find staff.

Mr Saunders began his evidence with his age, 55, and his nationality, British. He told the court that he was receiving medical treatment on an irregular basis for a hernia which gave him pain occasionally and for a thyroid condition for which he took tablets which from time to time made him feel tired.

He told the jury that the lived in Putney, west London, with his three children, James, aged 24, Joanna, aged 25, and John, aged 17. He was born in Vienna in 1935 when his father had established a thriving practice as an obstetrician. They fled to Britain in 1938 after the Anschluss, when the German Nazis took control of Austria. He said his family had Jewish roots and they were fearful of the loss of democracy in the country and what else might happen to them.

His father had chosen Britain as it was "the home of democracy". Arriving in Britain, his father had had to start his career again, spending two years obtaining fresh British medical qualifications before plying his job around his practice on a bicycle because he was too poor to run a car.

Mr Saunders said that his father's philosophy of life was that no one should do the minimum required of their job, that they should prepare to do the best they possibly could for those who were paying them. "This striving for excellence was a credo that my family and I tried to follow, and I have tried to do so all my life."

In the mid-1970s, when the British economy was stagnating, he opted to move to Switzerland where he could earn a large enough salary to finance his children's private education. He joined Nestlé with a post as number three in their world headquarters. It was there that he met Mr Thomas Ward, who was the American lawyer for Nestlé's United States interests and who was subsequently to become a Guinness director with Mr Saunders and be involved in the Guinness affair.

Mr Saunders then said that the stress of the whole Guinness affair had resulted in the breakdown of his marriage to his wife Carole. They were legally separated.

Mr Ferguson, opening the case for Mr Saunders, said there could be few cases that had attracted such media interest or few people who had received such personal attention, "much of it vituperation and smear". He was appealing to the jury to give the answer to these allegations and innuendos.

Mr Saunders would be quite within his rights not to give evidence. The principles of English law said he did not have to prove his innocence. "But somehow or other you might think he had something to hide and not be prepared to take the kind of medicine which I have given to some of the prosecution witnesses. He could leave himself open to a charge of double standards. Your disappointment that he had not given evidence might turn into bias.

"Ernest Saunders is not a man of double standards; he will give evidence knowing he will be open to cross-examination not only by the prosecution but also counsel for the other defendants. Every answer he gives will be read carefully and sifted."

Mr Ferguson said the prosecution case was "titanic, supported and buttressed by all the resources available."

The evidence of Mr Olivier Roux, the main prosecution witness and Guinness' former finance director, was flawed. "What price Mr Roux's evidence? He has admitted he was less than frank, that he was economical with the truth, not only with the solicitors for Guinness but also with the board and, most damaging of all, with the Department of Trade and Industry inspectors." Mr Roux's evidence had to show Mr Saunders' guilty knowledge of the share support operation.

"Where do you find evidence that Ernest Saunders knew material details of his finance directors machinations in the City? If Mr Roux is the top of the prosecution case, what of the bottom?"

He dismissed evidence from Guinness family members, accusing them of "clinging to their fading glories while no doubt basking in the value of the Guinness share price, attributable in a very large measure to Ernest Saunders, the man they dumped."

Mr Howard Hughes, from Guinness's auditors, Price Waterhouse, had adopted a "see no evil, hear no evil" attitude, Mr Ferguson said, "except where self-preservation prompted it". The company's new non-executive directors, appointed after the share support operation came under investigation, were "more concerned with their City image than doing justice to the chairman and chief executive of the company whose board they had been asked to join."

One of them, Mr Anthony Greener, "did not like Mr Saunders' style, or perhaps his face did not fit," despite his having achieved all that the Guinness Board could ever have wanted. "He was becoming too expensive, the problem was how to get rid of him? Then along came the DTI inquiry in December 1986 and they are over the first hurdle. 'No smoke without fire, the chief executive must have known, what do you say Mr Saunders? We hear what you say and are not impressed'.

"Then along comes Mr Roux with his allegations and they are over the second hurdle. Then along comes Mr Hughes and weighs in. Mr Saunders' few remaining colleagues and friends are overwhelmed by the City skills mustered by the new non-executive directors."

Mr Ferguson added that Mr Saunders' own belief was that the company had turned against him because he was an outsider.

The hearing continues today.

Mr Saunders arriving to give evidence with daughter Joanna and son James. Professionalism at Guinness when he joined was zero, he said

There was no cohesive management ... an extraordinary hotch potch from snake venom to baby potties

Minority group rejects history reforms

By Douglas Broom
Education Reporter

PLANS by leaders of more than 4,000 state school history teachers to present a united front to the Government over the teaching of their subject under the National Curriculum foundered yesterday.

The Historical Association is due to announce tomorrow that it is prepared to recommend its members to operate the new history curriculum provided ministers are prepared to accept minor changes. The decision to take a positive attitude towards the new curriculum was made after 13 meetings across the country, attended by a total of 1,600 teachers, had endorsed the moderate line.

However, the united front broke down yesterday when a group, led by Mr Sean Lang, a lecturer in history at Exeter University School of Education, declared its opposition to a conciliatory approach. Mr Lang took the unusual step of issuing a press release in which he declared that members of the association would be advised not to implement the curriculum unless the Government agreed to big changes.

The association, which will make its views on National Curriculum history known tomorrow, immediately repudiated Mr Lang's remarks, saying that they reflected only the views of academics at Exeter.

Although the final report of the National Curriculum History Working Group was criticized by teachers for placing too much emphasis on teaching historical facts, the Prime Minister is known to take the view that the report did not go far enough in stressing the importance of learning dates and facts.

Disunity among teachers is likely to increase pressure on Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to make further modifications to increase the factual content of the proposed syllabus.

Mr Martin Roberts, chairman of the Historical Association's Education Committee, said: "We are not in any doubt whatever about our attitude to the report. We have at least 80 per cent of teachers and people in the universities agreeing that in this report we have got something we can work with to bring about lots of really good history in schools. The last thing we want is minority views being seen as the majority view."

● The heads of Britain's 30 polytechnics yesterday called on the Government to increase spending on higher education in line with the rest of Europe.

The Committee of Directors of Polytechnics, meeting in London, decided to write to the Prime Minister urging her to match a £2.5 million increase in higher education spending ordered recently by President Mitterand of France.

£10,000 reward as police hunt post office killers

By Alison Cameron

THE Post Office last night offered a £10,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of masked thieves who earlier shot dead a sub-postmaster in north-east London.

Police said Mr Raojibhai Kumari Patel, aged 59, "died a hero trying to protect money" at his sub-post office.

Mr Patel, from Limesdale Gardens, Edgware, north-west Lonbdon, and his wife Nirmala, aged 54, had gone to open the sub-post office in Lower Clapton Road. When they went upstairs they were confronted by three armed and masked men, two with hand guns and one with a sawn-off shot gun.

The men, two wearing stocking masks and one with a balaclava, then handcuffed the couple and taped Mrs Patel's mouth. Mr Patel was taken by two of the men downstairs while the third stayed with Mrs Patel who heard her husband being threatened.

After she heard a shot she went down and found her husband slumped behind the counter. He had also been slashed on the hand with a knife.

Detective Superintendent Russell Allen, who is leading the hunt for the killers, said: "Threats of violence were made against the poor victim and he eventually succumbed to a shot in the groin and collapsed and died."

Police believe the men may have fled empty-handed after the killing and that the raiders had been keeping a watch on the sub-post office. They do not know if they used an escape car.

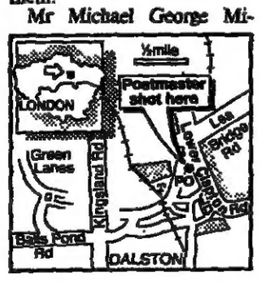
Mr Allen said he could not rule out the possibility of the men killing again and advised the public not to approach them.

Mr Michael George Michaels, aged 27, who owns a fishmongers next door to the sub-post office, said there had been previous attempts to rob it.

Mr Michaels said that he had been in his shop early yesterday morning when he heard a gunshot and footsteps at the back of his shop. He looked in the window of the sub-post office but saw nothing.

At about 8.45 he heard an alarm go off. After the police arrived he saw Mrs Patel still handcuffed and Mr Patel on a stretcher.

Police said that they were looking for three men, who they described as black and aged between 18 and 25, of slim build and 5ft 8in to 5ft 9in tall.



Pottery owls bring unexpected windfall

By John Shaw

TWO small brown pottery owls with saucer eyes, identified after another one was discovered on the BBC television programme, the *Antiques Road Show*, sold for a total of £57,200 at Sotheby's, London, yesterday.

It was an unexpected windfall for two couples in different parts of the country who saw the television programme and suddenly realized they were sitting on a financial jackpot. One owl jug came in via Sotheby's office in Chester and the other from the firm's office in Cheltenham.

The Cheshire owner, who did not like the look of his jug and banished it to the garage, was jubilant when he heard it had sold for £30,800. He said he was going to buy a new car, pay off his mortgage and complete renovations to his home.

The 17th-century Staffordshire jug and cover, the small tubby body of an owl decorated with a marbled brown and cream pattern, was sold to Alistair Sampson, the London dealer. The second made £26,400 to Kaplan, the New York dealer.

The top lot in the sale of early English and continental ceramics was a rare English Delftware "Fox" charger, circa 1670-80, in blue, turquoise green and yellow, which made £36,300 (estimate £10,000-£15,000).

The sale made a total of £945,197.

Police description of IRA terrorist lists 'silver pistol'

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

POLICE issued a photofit impression yesterday of the main suspect in the hunt for IRA terrorists who last week murdered a soldier and wounded two others at Lichfield City station. The wanted man is said to be aged between 18 and 22 and to have used a silver pistol.

Although initially disappointed by the response to an appeal for witnesses, Staffordshire police said they were now receiving a steady stream of information. That included more sightings of the red Ford Cortina in which the two gunmen are thought to have escaped. The police had, however, "virtually eliminated" from their inquiries three people being held in London under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The Metropolitan Police were holding nine people under the Act on Monday in connection with IRA activities but refused to say yesterday how many were still being questioned.

The main suspect in the Lichfield shooting was said to have been wearing a black bomber-type jacket, possibly with white piping, black trousers, light coloured trainers and a black basball cap.

Police say the suspected getaway car, which had a black vinyl roof, had a V or a Y suffix in its registration. Det Chief Supt Malcolm Bevington, heading the inquiry, said he was confident that the car, which had contained three people, was the escape vehicle. It had been seen at just before 6pm on Friday on the A51 near Lichfield travelling at speed towards Tamworth.

Police have traced five witnesses to the shooting but are sure others must have seen what happened. A commuter train, containing 150 passengers, was at the platform when the gang opened fire.

Mr Bevington appealed to proprietors of hotels, guest and boarding houses and owners of rented homes to contact police if they had suspicions about former residents.

Study identifies missing link in Piltdown fraud

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

A FORMER president of the Royal College of Surgeons who was obsessed with becoming England's most eminent anthropologist is being accused of perpetrating the greatest scientific fraud of the century.

A study by a British researcher concludes that the bogus skull, a mix of human and ape parts which became known as Piltdown man, was not the work of Charles Dawson, the Sussex lawyer and amateur geologist who found it.

The true perpetrator, according to Professor Frank Spencer was Sir Arthur Keith, an anatomist at the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons who rose to president in 1925. The claims by Professor Spencer, of the City University of New York, are based on research of rediscovered archive material in the Natural History Museum, London.

The evidence, which is to be published later in the year, identifies Keith as having created the skull — once believed to be the missing link between ape and man — and having buried it in a gravel pit near Piltdown, Sussex. Dawson's role is relegated to innocent finder or at most a minor player.

Dr Robin Cocks, head of palaeontology at the Natural History Museum, said: "Dawson was the man that some people believed was the forger himself because he was the chief finder and it was suggested he put it there. But many people for many years have claimed that Dawson was duped and the research by Frank Spencer concludes that it was actually Keith who was behind the whole thing."

The skull, unearthed in 1913, was only exposed as a fake in 1953 after both Dawson and Keith had died.

The forger, by putting an orangutang's jaw on a human skull, had attempted to foster the belief that a large brain was responsible for prehistoric evolutionary progress. What subsequent real finds showed was that a missing link should have had an ape-like head and a human-like jaw. Why the former President of the Royal College of Surgeons would commit such a scientific fraud may be revealed in Professor Spencer's book.

A clue, however, could lie in the often acrimonious professional rivalry of Keith and Sir Arthur Smith-Woodward, the head of palaeontology at the Natural History Museum. Dr Cocks said: "There was professional jealousy. Both were competing to be the most eminent specialists on human skeletons and bones in Britain."

Dr Fred Smith, a palaeontologist at the University of Tennessee who has studied Professor Spencer's evidence, said: "I think he makes a very good case ... when you look at whose career benefited most by Piltdown, Arthur Keith's name certainly heads the list."

Rome police to expel 'hooligan'

PAUL Scarrott, the self-styled leader of England's soccer hooligans, will be expelled from Italy as soon as possible, police said yesterday (Reuter reports from Rome). Scarrott, aged 34, was detained at the main railway station in Rome yesterday, three days before the start of the World Cup.

"As soon as we have completed the formalities he will be thrown out of the country," the Rome police chief Signor Umberto Improta said.

Scarrott was taken to headquarters for questioning, a spokesman said, adding that possible charges were being examined. He said Scarrott was listed as an "undesirable alien".

Scarrott has convictions for soccer-related violence and figures on a list of English hooligans Britain has given Italian police.

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Defamation case against The Times is settled

By Kerry Gill

A SETTLEMENT out of court was reached yesterday between Times Newspapers and Mr Antonas Gecas, a former mining engineer from Edinburgh, who had claimed in his court action that he was defamed by *The Times* when it was alleged in two articles that he had been an officer in the Lithuanian Auxiliary Police Battalion and had taken part in atrocities involving innocent civilians during the Second World War.

Conceding certain errors in the articles, the newspaper however indicated that it was prepared to stand firm against Mr Gecas's main complaint about allegations of war atrocities. A judge will now be asked to sign a minute of order absolving the newspaper of any further liability. At the Court of Session in Edinburgh, Scotland's supreme civil court, lawyers for Mr Gecas effectively dropped the action against *The Times*. Times Newspapers will not pay any damages to Mr Gecas, but have agreed only to pay an undisclosed sum towards his legal costs and apologise for the specific inaccuracies admitted.

Mr Brian Gill, QC, told the court that the action would not now proceed as both parties had agreed to the wording of a statement to the court, sitting before Lord Marnoch.

Mr Gill said: "On August 20 and 21 1987, *The Times* published two articles which are referred to on record. These articles contained allegations against Mr Gecas for which he raised the present action.

"In May 1990 the defenders lodged a minute of amendment admitting that the articles contained a number of inaccuracies. These were that he had been an officer in the SS, had admitted to being an officer in a specialist SS murder squad and that he had had an SS tattoo."

As Mr Gecas, aged 74, sat stony faced in court between his lawyers, Mr Gill added: "The defenders now acknowledge that in respect of these specific matters the articles were inaccurate. The defenders retract and apologize for these specific inaccuracies."

Both sides agreed that the case should be continued for seven days so that a joint agreement could ask the court to absolve Times Newspapers with no award of expenses to either side. It was accepted by both sides that the defence counsel had acted properly in the conduct of the defence.

Lord Marnoch: Refused to adjourn case

Mr Alastair Brett, for Times Newspapers, said after the hearing that lawyers for Mr Gecas had been working on a no-win, no-fee basis. *The Times* faced with this speculative method had agreed to pay an undisclosed sum of money to meet Mr Gecas's legal expenses.

Mr Brett said *The Times* had been forced to take a commercial view and that, assuming the paper had won the case, it would have been a pyrrhic victory and the newspaper could have run up a bill approaching £500,000 with no chance of recouping any of this money from Mr Gecas.

Asked whether the settlement could be regarded as a moral victory for *The Times*, Mr Brett said that it could be seen as satisfactory given the reality of the Scottish legal system that allowed fees to be charged on a no-win, no-fee basis.

Mr Brett said *The Times* would have had to bring evidence from Lithuania and Germany and would have run up a substantial bill. "The likelihood of getting any costs from Mr Gecas, assuming we were successful, would have been very very slim indeed. Gecas does not even appear to own the house he lives in.

"When one is being sued by a man who has little or no substance and his lawyers are working on a no-win, no-fee basis one has got to face up to the logistical realities of fighting a long and immensely expensive libel action. We have had to take into account all these considerations.

"Therefore we have been prepared to repeat the limited apology and Mr Gecas has been prepared to withdraw his case against us," Mr Brett said.

Mr Nigel Duncan, Mr Gecas's solicitor, said: "Mr Gecas is very pleased that a satisfactory settlement of this case has now been achieved. The only regret is that it has taken more than 2½ years.

"It has been an enormous undertaking for a man of 74, not in the best of health, to take on a national newspaper with all its resources. He now hopes the gentelemen of the press and television will allow him to go home and live his life in peace."

Mr Duncan denied that *The Times* had won a moral victory. He said: "It is a settlement that is satisfactory to our client. I am not prepared to make any comment about the terms of the settlement. It has been agreed that the action will not continue, therefore it is not continuing. The settlement represents a settlement of the court action by agreement between both sides."

Earlier, it had been expected that the case would go ahead and was likely to last several weeks. Mr Gill had asked for an adjournment to enable *The Times* to receive statements from three witnesses still living in Lithuania.

Their statements, it was said, were vital to *The Times* case.

Lord Marnoch, however, refused an adjournment. It was then that both parties agreed to a further adjournment to establish a form of settlement.

'Pied Piper' violinist leads the ducks

TONY WHITE

Vlad Bourceanu, one of 45 young Romanian musicians visiting London, outside the Barbican Centre yesterday. The players are to give a gala concert at the Festival Hall on Monday for the Romanian Orphanage Trust

Scientists' notes increase doubts in Maguire tests

By Michael Horsnell

VITAL notes taken by scientists who analysed swabs from the Maguire family increased doubts yesterday about the reliability of forensic evidence used to convict them in the IRA bomb factory case 14 years ago.

Concern about the evidence given to the jury about traces of nitroglycerine allegedly found on them increased as 150 pages of notes were examined during the judicial inquiry into the wrongful convictions of the Guildford Four as well as the related Maguire case. The notes came from the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment (RARDE) which made the tests in 1974/5 and provided the inquiry with selected pages from notebooks.

Mrs Annie Maguire, now aged 54, her husband Patrick, 57, their sons Patrick, 29, and Vincent, 31, and three others were sentenced to between five and 14 years in 1976 after IRA pub bombings in England in 1974. If the inquiry, led by Sir John May, the former Court of Appeal judge, accepts counsel's submission, the Maguire convictions could be quashed.

Yesterday, Mr Ian Burnett, junior counsel for the inquiry, examined the original notebooks of five governmen scientists from the RARD material, including on belonging to a trainee, M David Wyndham, aged 18. M Wyndham made sensitiv scientific tests for explosive but they were so positive th even the chief scientist wa surprised, the inquiry ha been told.

The inquiry had been tol the IRA was not using anothe explosive, PETN, at the tim and therefore scientists di not pay much attention to i But Mr Burnett said PET figured more prominentl than people might hav thought from evidence.

He demonstrated that re sults from tests fo nitroglycerine were reporte as positive though the note books indicated they wer outside the margin of erro discussed at the trial and at th inquiry. Mr Burnett said th notebook gave no indicatio that samples of allege nitroglycerine turned pink a they should do.

The inquiry has been tol by Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC representing the Maguire fam ily, from Kilburn, nort London, that the forensic test which led to their convictio could have been deliberatel contaminated. The hearin continues today.

TV drama 'helping terrorists'

SIR John Hermon, former Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, yesterday accused Yorkshire Television of "giving succour to terrorists" in its portrayal of the Stalker affair in the four-hour drama documentary, *Shoot To Kill* (Edward Gorman writes).

Speaking on Independent Television News, Sir John described the film, shown throughout the United Kingdom except in Ulster, as not truthful and without credibility.

He said the film, in which he was played by an actor, was ill advised and its negative portrayal of the RUC damaged the integrity of the force and the efforts of the security forces in Northern Ireland.

Sir John also accused the film makers, Zenith Productions, of making up scenes in which he was allegedly involved. He has declined so far to take legal action.

Mr Peter Kosminsky, director of *Shoot To Kill*, rejected the criticisms. He said Sir John would have to stand up his allegations against the film and pointed out that Mr John Stalker, the former deputy chief constable of Manchester, had seen the film and expressed himself satisfied with it.

False rape claim led to attack

A TEENAGE girl's "wicked and evil" lies about being raped caused an innocent student to be tortured and beaten up by four youths acting in revenge.

Yesterday, the judge at Winchester Crown Court who sentenced the youths, demanded to know why the girl, who watched the attack, had not been prosecuted. Judge Alexander Lauriston, QC, was told that the decision had been taken by a solicitor in the Crown Prosecution Service. The judge said it seemed "a very strange decision".

He had heard how Miss Victoria Greenslade, a student aged 18, of Andover, Hampshire, had willingly consented to sexual intercourse with a fellow college student, Mr Brian Tozer, aged 19. Later, though, she told her boy friend she had been raped for fear he would find out about it.

The girl told the youths where Mr Tozer could be found and watched as they stripped him naked, beat him and stubbed out cigarettes on his chest for 10 minutes.

The boy friend, John Gilfedder, aged 20; Nicholas Ayres, aged 19; Jason Brisk, 19; and Jason Scott, 18, all from Andover, admitted affray and were sent to an institution for young offenders for 12 months.

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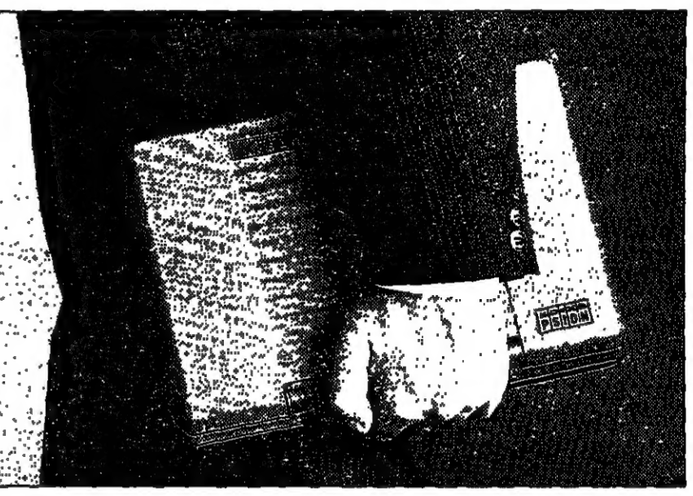

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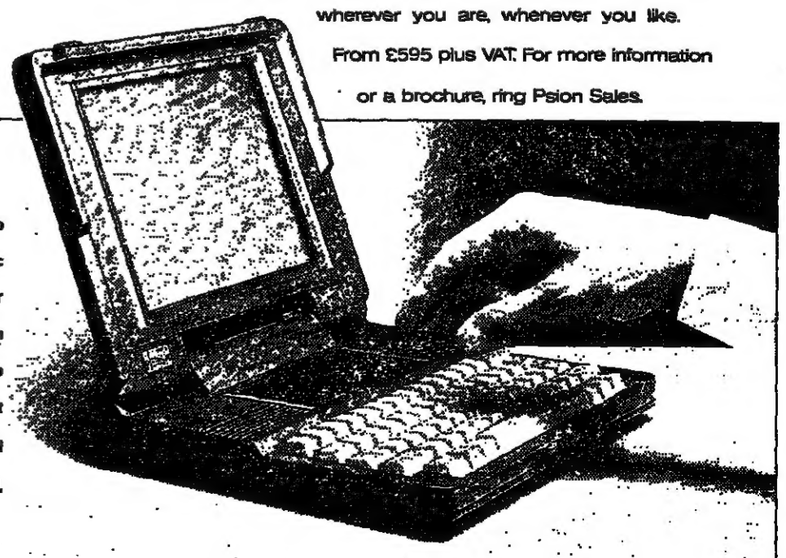

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Councils fail to tackle recycling of ozone-damaging chemicals

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

FEW local authorities have schemes for recovering and recycling chemicals that damage the ozone layer in spite of a high awareness among councils of international obligations, according to a survey for the Government.

Technologies are readily available for tackling many of the industrial and domestic sources of such substances, but only one fifth of the 326 councils questioned have programmes and many of these are under review.

Ozone-damaging chemicals such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) and halons are found in a wide range of products including fridge coolants, insulation foams, fire extinguishers, solvents and spray cans. Yet of the 65 local authorities with schemes in operation, most are aimed soley at domestic refrigerators with many just collecting machines.

Only two authorities were found to be collecting, recovering and recycling fridge coolant, with no authorities considering recovery and re-cycling of CFCs or halons from foam, extinguishers or solvents. Of the 261 authorities without schemes, about a third said they were planning to implement projects this year. Most of those will again limit themselves to domestic fridges. Some are, however, planning also to tackle industrial coolants.

Of the rest, 43 per cent said they were considering or had rejected schemes on grounds of cost, administrative difficulties or uncertainties over the supply of fridges and demand for the service. The remainder would not yet appear to have considered whether to develop a scheme at all.

These are just some of the details to emerge from a report compiled by Cooper and Lybrand Deloitte on behalf of the Department of Trade and Industry. It examined the effectiveness of measures to cut ozone-harming chemicals including switching to alternatives, re-using existing substances or destroying soiled chemicals, in the light of expected tougher international controls.

Since the Montreal Protocol, the country's consumption of halons has risen from 9,000 to 10,000 tonnes per year based on the chemicals' ozone-depleting potential. "Action is still needed to meet the Protocol's requirements that it should be held at or below the 1986 level from January 1992," the report says.

Britain has cut its consumption of CFCs by more than the agreed 50 per cent from about 63,000 tonnes in 1986 to just over 31,000 tonnes by last year based on their ozone-depleting potential. This has mainly been achieved, however, by a significant reduction in the level of CFCs used as propellants for spray cans.

Later this month ministers from around the world will meet in London to debate the Protocol and some experts believe harsh emission rules could be agreed calling for an elimination of CFC production and consumption by July 1997 with similar rules on halons by July 2000.

To meet the rules, not only will the continued manufacture of ozone-harming chemicals have to be addressed but the store of such chemicals, trapped in everthing from old fridges to fire extinguishers, will have to be tackled. The report concludes that technologically and economically Britain could achieve the significant reductions needed to meet tough new rules.

The report's authors argue for improved awareness campaigns aimed at alerting the public and private sectors to the Protocol and the technical and practical solutions. Expanding recovery and re-cycling schemes is identified in the report as one area offering enormous potential to cut emissions. Local authorities, with their waste collection and disposal infrastructure, could do more if they were shown how to cut recovery and recycling costs.

In attempting to meet tougher emission restrictions, a particular area of focus should be the favourable economics of re-cycling and recovery of solvents, industrial and retail refrigeration and fire extinguishers, the report argues. Guidelines on labelling, which highlight the opportunity for recovery and recycling, should be examined. The provision of advice and guidance for organizations, companies and councils operating such schemes to ensure best practice should also be studied. Some funds might be well spent on cutting the costs of destroying chemicals through support of research and development of better technologies or subsidies.

Mr Eric Forth, industry minister with responsibility for the environment, said: "The Government has made it clear that it is fully committed to the elimination of ozone-damaging CFCs as soon as practically possible and certainly by the year 2000." He urged those involved to increase recycling and acknowledged the role of local authorities and the private sector in achieving targets.

CFCs and Halons: Alternatives and the Scope for Recovery for Recycling and Destruction. (HMSO, £21.)

Minister tells resort councils to display water quality notices

By Michael McCarthy
Environment Correspondent

ALL English seaside resorts are being requested to indicate publicly whether or not their bathing waters meet European Community sewage pollution standards, including those which fail, Mr David Trippier, the Minister for the Environment and the Countryside, announced yesterday.

In an unprecendented reversal of traditional seaside publicity, the requirement will mean that a resort such as Blackpool, whose three beaches failed to meet the standard last year, will be expected to display notices saying the water is unsatisfactory.

Mr Trippier said he would not use legislation to compel the resorts to post up their notice of failure, but he expected a "positive reponse" to his request, which is to be made through the Association of District Councils. Any authority failing to comply would obviously be giving the wrong signal to visitors, he said.

The idea met with a less than enthusaistic response yesterday from Mr Tom Percival, the leader of Blackpool Council who said: "We will consider it." Asked if the resort would relish the idea of announcing that its bathing waters did not meet accepted sewage standards, he said: "We will cross that bridge when we come to it."

However, Mr Roy Thomason, of Bournemouth, chairman of the Association of District Councils, said: "We will want to look at this very carefully, but I would react positively to the idea.

"The difficulty is that our authorities do not have control over sewage pollution, which is in the hands of the water companies, but if this proposal will strengthen their hands in putting more pressure on the companies, we will welcome it," he said.

Mr Trippier made his announcement as the row over bathing water quality, which has led to a prosecution of Britain in the European Court, continued in London at the 1990 Blue Flag Awards for Europe's cleanest beaches, in which Britain had one of the worst records in the Community.

Only 29 British beaches were awarded the coveted Blue Flag, given for meeting a wide and demanding range of quality standards, compared to 137 in Spain, 128 in Denmark, 102 in France, 101 in Portugal, 83 in Greece and 48 in the Irish Republic.

Mr Trippier, who presented the awards to the British winners, and Mr Nicholas Hood, chairman of Wessex Water, put a bullish face on the situation, insisting that bathing water quality was being brought under control by massive investment in sewage treatment works.

However, Professor Graham Ashworth, chairman of the Tidy Britain Group which organized the judging with the Water Services Association and the English Tourist Board, struck a different note, saying: "Britain's beaches are national disgrace."

"The nation that is so proud of its achievements on the beaches of Dunkirk leaves its own foreshores in a disgusting state. Festooned with litter of all shapes and sizes, the beaches are a grim condemnation of people who tolerate squalid behaviour in public places that would be unthinkable in their own homes."

His verdict on the British Blue Flag results was that "less than half of the beaches that entered actually received an award." He added: "Many authorities invest far too little in creating a decent quality of environment at the coast. Proper segregation of users, clean and plentiful toilet facilities, adequate signposting, dog control and medical facilities all require urgent attention before the number of Blue Flags will increase."

To win a Blue Flag, beaches must meet 18 quality standards. The best results in Britain came from Torbay, where five beaches won awards. Most of the winners were concentrated on the south and south-west coast. Apart from Magilligan beach in Northern Ireland, there were none in the West north of Pembrokeshire, and only one – Sandhaven in Northumberland – on the east coast north of East Anglia.

Mr Trippier's request for publication of EC bathing water standards will go to authorities representing the 353 designated bathing beaches in England, but it is understood that the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland may consider similar action.

EUROPEAN BLUE FLAG AWARDS

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Denmark	128
France	102
Portugal	101
Greece	83
Irish Republic	48
Great Britain	29
Italy	28
The Netherlands	21
Germany	17
Belgium	4

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First steps in fashion: Joseph Mitchell, Donatella Panayiotou and Joseph Waller modelling prize-winning clothes from the Courtelle Awards for student designers. The collections will be on display at the Design Centre, The Haymarket, central London, until July 29

Pru chief expected to take over at South Bank

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

THE new chairman of the South Bank Board is expected to be Sir Brian Corby, chairman of the Prudential Corporation and president of the Confederation of British Industry.

It is understood that Sir Brian, who would not comment last night, has been sounded out and would be prepared to serve if asked. He would succeed Mr Ronald Grierson, chairman since the board was formed in 1986, who is due to retire next spring.

His appointment would represent an unprecedented link between the arts and the commercial community which, behind the scenes, Sir Brian has done much to enhance.

Sir Brian, aged 61, is not yet a member of the South Bank Board but when it meets on June 19 his co-option is expected. With the board's approval, his name would then go to the arts minister as its recommendation for the post. An announcement would be made at the end of the month.

Sir Brian: Improved links between arts and business

The board was created in 1986 to take control of the South Bank Centre from the Greater London Council and is a separate client of the Arts Council, from which it became independent in 1988. The centre includes the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, the Purcell Room, and the Hayward Gallery.

An application has been made for planning permission for a £200 million scheme which would transform the centre into the world's biggest integrated arts complex. The scheme, devised by the Terry Farrell architectural partnership and to be financed by Stanhope Properties, would include a new building with rehearsal and recording studios, a cinema, underground parking and an outdoor bowl for arts activities. The board hopes work will start in 1994.

Last autumn the South Bank was hit by a series of strikes over pay. During the year the centre ran up a budget deficit of £1.1 million, but it is expected this will be cleared by the end of this financial year. In the funding boost given to the arts this year by the Government, the Arts Council grant was increased by 8 per cent from £10.67 million to £11.5 million.

Sir Brian, who was knighted in last year's Birthday Honours List, was chief executive of the Prudential from 1982 until becoming deputy chairman a year ago and chairman last month. He is also a director of the Bank of England and is involved in Business in the Community, a scheme to encourage commerce to become involved in urban regeneration particularly through the arts.

In recent years the Prudential has become one of the most generous business sponsors of the arts, with a budget of about £1 million dedicated to cultural patronage.

It spends £200,000 a year on the Prudential Great Orchestras scheme, which pays for the four main London symphony orchestras – the London Philharmonic, the Royal Philharmonic, the London Symphony and the Philharmonia, to tour the regions. Another £200,000 goes to the Prudential Arts Awards in which companies in five categories – music, dance, theatre, visual arts and opera – win £25,000 prizes for innovation with a major prize of £75,000.

The Prudential has for the last seven years sponsored South Bank concerts by the London Philharmonic Orchestra which is expected to become the South Bank's first resident orchestra next year. All sponsorship, however, is under review by Sir Brian's successor as chief executive, Mr Michael Newmarch.

Exhausts blamed for rise in hay fever

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

SCIENTISTS believe that air pollution from car exhausts is causing a rise in hay fever, which should otherwise be in decline because of a drop in the pollen count over the past 20 years.

The evidence linking air pollution and hay fever was presented in London yesterday by Dr Jean Emberlin, of the pollen research unit in the department of geography, Polytechnic of North London, Dr Duncan Laxen, of the air pollution monitoring group of London Scientific Services, and Dr Tom Smith, a general practitioner.

Pollen levels have fallen with changes in agricultural practice and the types of grass grown for silage, according to Dr Emberlin. Grass is cut before it flowers and much earlier than in traditional haymaking, she said. Consequently, the concentration for the whole of June of "second-hand pollen" (that blown from the countryside) in the air of London, has fallen from over 4,500 grains a cubic metre 20 years ago to between 1,500 and 2,000.

Conversely, Dr Laxen reported a rise in levels of nitrogen oxides from car exhausts over the same period. Dr Smith says the evidence implicating fumes from car exhausts, and nitrogen dioxide in particular, has come from studies in a number of European cities. The theory is that the fumes, which are well established as irritants, interfere with the linings of the nose and make them more sensitive to pollens.

The findings were supported by other figures relating to pollen levels and atmospheric pollution reported yesterday. The 24-hour pollen count forecast for 20 towns issued by the National Pollen and Hay Fever Bureau at 9am yesterday, showed low levels for all of them. A low measurement is anything below 50 grains a cubic metre. In addition, a study made for independent television's *Thames Report* between May 3 and May 8, shows that nitrogen dioxide, a major constituent of the photochemical smog monitored by London Scientific Services, breached the World Health Organization guidelines for 38 hours.

The second key ingredient of smog, low level ozone, also failed to meet WHO guidelines. The survey also found traces of benzine, a known cancer agent, for which there are no safe exposure levels.

New fiver keeps Bank in front of criminal competitors

By Robin Young

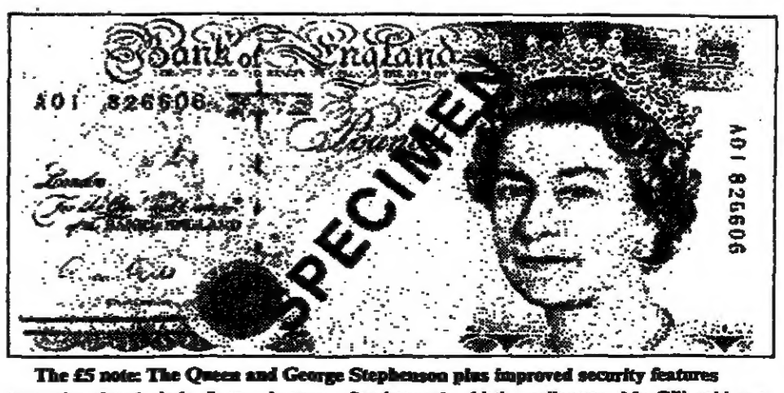
THE Bank of England yesterday unveiled its new £5 note, the first in a series which, over the next four years, will replace all existing notes with smaller ones, to some extent reflecting their diminished purchasing power.

The new "bottom of the range" fiver assumes the proportions that once belonged to the discontinued £1 note. Its predominant colour is turquoise instead of the familiar blue, the portrait of the Queen on the front is of a noticeably older woman, and the design incorporates several new security features which, the Bank says, are intended to "keep us ahead of our criminal competitors".

Forgery, Mr Malcolm Gill, the Bank's chief cashier, said yesterday, is not a problem (though there was a spate of dud £10 and £20 notes in the mid-eighties) but: "Prevention is better than cure. Forgers are no longer lone craftsmen working in garden sheds. They are likely to use the most modern copying machinery available." The carefully variegated colours of the new notes have been deliberately chosen to be difficult for such machinery to match, and additionally the new £5 note will have a "windowed" thread (which appears as silver dashes when looked at flat but as a continuous black line when held to the light) like that already used in £10, £20 and £50 notes.

The number of each note still appears twice on its front, but at the top left it is now printed in multi-colour numerals of varying height, while down the right edge the numerals are in a single colour and of uniform height. A new watermark portrait of the Queen is to be reproduced in a registered position in all the notes of the new series, instead of continuously.

The new design, by Mr Roger Withington, also incorporates for the first time the international copyright symbol, and a coloured symbol to help the partially-sighted. In the case of the £5 note it is a turquoise tinted circle. Later designs for the higher value notes in the series will use triangles and squares as distinguishing marks.



The £5 note: The Queen and George Stephenson plus improved security features

The back of the £5 note carries the portrait of George Stephenson, the railway pioneer, opposite illustrations of projects with which he was associated – Locomotion, the Rocket and the Stockton and Darlington Railway. After having to pulp some notes because Stephenson's birth date was wrong, and having weathered criticism of their subject's sometimes less than straightforward financial dealings, the Bank's designers and printers have now done so much research into his life and works that they are producing a booklet about him.

In another commercial innovation, the Bank will be offering special packs of old and new £5 notes for sale to collectors. Mr Gill said yesterday that he expects most of the present Series D £5 notes (with the Duke of Wellington on the reverse) to be replaced within six months, and almost all in a year. The Bank has already printed 200 million new notes and is producing them at the rate of 2½ million a day.

There are at present 300 million £5 notes in circulation, and each has an average life of nine to 10 months. Next year the Bank intends to replace the £20 note with a smaller one carrying a portrait of the chemist and physicist Michael Faraday, coinciding with the bicentenary of his birth. The new £10 note, expected to appear in 1992, will feature Charles Dickens, while the £50 note, which is scheduled for release by early 1994, the Bank of England's tercentenary year, is to carry of portrait of Sir John Houblon, who was the Bank's first governor, from 1694 to 1697.

Mr Nigel Bevitt-Smith, research and development manager at the Bank's printing works, said that he expected the Bank to save "a few million pounds" a year from the reduction in size of the notes.

The speed with which the new notes could be introduced would depend partly on the speed with which telling machines could be adapted to deal with them, but no machinery will have to be replaced because of the changes, a spokesman said.

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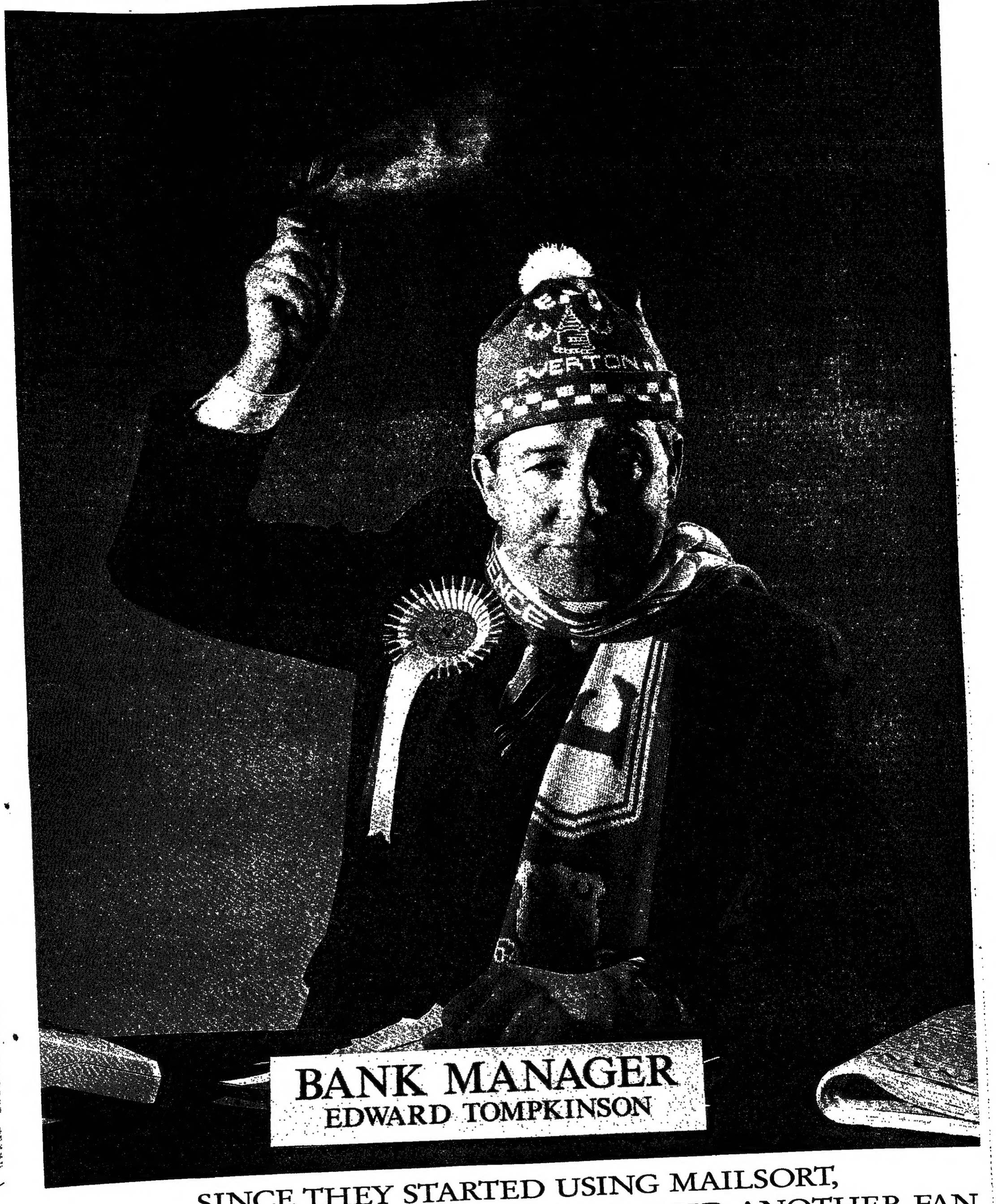

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Decision to cap councils 'a breach of power'

By David Sapsted

THE Government's decision to cap 21 Labour-controlled councils for setting too high a poll tax was branded a breach of both power and "elementary fairness" in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, representing four of the capped authorities, accused Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, of only deciding on the criteria for penalizing alleged overspending authorities after they had already set their community charge levels. "It was like playing a game of football and being told afterwards they should have been playing a game of rugby," he said.

The attack on the way the Government had used its powers under the 1988 Local Government Finance Act was made on the opening day of an application by 19 of the 21 authorities for a judicial review in the High Court of the way the Government reached its capping decisions.

If the councils lose it could cause enormous financial problems in the affected boroughs because the financial year is already under way and the councils are still operating on budgets deemed unacceptable by Whitehall. If the Government loses it will provide fresh ammunition for the many critics of the poll tax.

The importance of the review, before Lord Justice Leggatt sitting with Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Roch, was illustrated by the presence in court of seven QCs and 13 other barristers. "This must be the largest assemblage of talent ever seen in this court for the purpose of presenting an issue such as this since Thomas Erskine appeared alone," Lord Justice Leggatt observed, in a reference to the occasion almost 200 years ago when Lord Erskine, then Attorney General to the Prince of Wales and later Lord Chancellor, successfully defended Thomas Paine, the radical, for publishing *The Rights of Man*.

Mr Scrivener, representing the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, Basildon, Calderdale, and Rochdale, said that not even the Government had suggested the councils had acted unlawfully when they set community charge levels. At no time before the capping announcement had councillors known what criteria would be used for assessing over-spending.

He maintained that Mr Patten had taken into account factors which would not have been considered by the local authorities. The minister, he contended, was in breach of the powers under the 1988 Act as he had "deliberately" failed to notify the authorities of these factors until after they had set their poll tax.

At the heart of the authorities' case is the claim that Mr Patten failed to take proper account of the councils' spending needs when deciding which should be capped. It is said that the minister unlawfully used standard spending assessments (SSAs), introduced this year as a basis for distributing government grant, to determine if charge levels were too high, when they were never designed for that purpose.

Mr Scrivener said the 1988 Act should be interpreted as allowing an electorate the choice to vote for a high-spending authority. "If you are a high-spending authority then you must be judged at the ballot box," he said.

The hearing continues today.

● Legal action against 3,500 people who have not paid their poll tax to South Tyneside Metropolitan Council has been postponed to avoid the legal hitch which last week resulted in Medina District Council, Isle of Wight, withdrawing more than 1,800 summonses. The Labour-controlled council, however, said it would be reserving the summonses when it was certain sufficient time had elapsed since the receipt of final notices.

Parents protest at RE syllabus

PARENTS fighting to overturn a new religious education syllabus which excludes all mention of the Bible, Jesus or God say they have the support of Sikhs and Muslims (Douglas Broom writes).

A formal petition, containing 1,000 signatures, will be handed in at the Commons on Friday by a deputation of parents from Ealing, west London. They want MPs to bring pressure on Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to overturn the syllabus issued to schools in the borough by the former Labour administration.

On the eve of last month's by-elections an all-party panel of councillors rejected an appeal against the syllabus by Mrs Denise Bell, a parent-governor at Acton High School. She argued that the syllabus was in breach of the 1988 Education Reform Act.

Yesterday, Mrs Bell, who is leading the deputation, to Parliament on Friday said :"We have the support of Sikh and Muslim parents."

A spokeswoman for the Tory-controlled council said: "Our syllabus does comply with the law and it has all-party support."

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Musical retreat: Horse Guards Parade is reflected in the tuba of a musician from the 2nd Gurkha Rifles during a rehearsal for the Beating of the Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Scottish Division in London yesterday. The Gurkhas and troops from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Malaysia and the Officer Training Corps will join 500 Scottish pipers, drummers and other musicians for three parades next week

Hillingdon vows to fight as Hounslow lands Heathrow

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

NOTHING, it seemed, could unite the councillors of the London Borough of Hillingdon – until Whitehall decided it would take Heathrow airport out of their control.

Immediately, the 35 Conservative and 34 Labour councillors raised a single voice of protest at the Local Government Boundary Commission's proposals to put Heathrow under the control of Hounslow.

"It's lunacy to take the airport away from one authority which has got the knowledge and expertise built up over more than 40 years of running services there," said Mr Andrew Boff, leader of the council, which gained a Tory majority of one in the local elections. The council would fight all the way, he said.

Hillingdon does not even get much income from the airport. Under the old rating system, the airport paid rates to the local authority and helped to keep domestic rates low. Since the introduction of the poll tax, however, Heathrow's money goes into a central pool and is distributed among all councils according to population. As a result Hillingdon set a poll tax of £366.91 – a figure which was capped and which the incoming Tories promised to reduce to £289.91.

The Boundaries Commission has spent more than three years investigating the problem of who should be responsible for Heathrow. Hillingdon said that the whole of the airport should fall within its influence rather than the 72 per cent that does today, with the dividing line splitting the arrivals and departures areas of Terminal Four and the Duty Free shop.

Labour-controlled Hounslow claimed that it should be responsible because its residents were most affected. Spelthorne Borough Council, which has a minor responsibility, wanted the three-way split to continue, and Heathrow Airport Ltd wanted not only the whole of the airport to go to Hillingdon but to extend it to a much wider area.

The Commission agreed that there was a strong case for the airport to be within the area of a single authority. Because Hounslow had the largest share of Heathrow employees and the greatest single number of residents severely affected by noise, it chose Hounslow. The outrage in Hillingdon was enormous.

Greece drops lorry charges

From Christopher Eliou in Athens

MR PAUL Ashwell, the British lorry driver held in Greece, was yesterday free to return home after a court dismissed charges against him of transporting part of an alleged Iraqi "super gun".

The three-member Court of Misdemeanours upheld an earlier recommendation by a public prosecutor asking that charges against the driver, aged 26, from Northampton be dropped because of insufficient evidence. His vehicle and trailer, which were impounded when he was arrested on April 6 in the western port of Patras, will be released. His load, alleged to be part of a giant gun, will stay in a military camp pending a decision about its fate.

The Iraqi government asked Greece last month to release the tubes which it insisted were destined for a petro-chemical complex. Yesterday, the Iraqi Embassy in Athens said no reply had been received.

Mr Ashwell was on his way to Turkey to deliver the 29.5-tonne load when he was arrested after British Customs tipped their Greek counterparts about the load.

He was originally remanded in custody and was given bail early in May when the charge was reduced to a misdemeanour but he was barred from leaving Greece.

Mr Ashwell said that as a result of his arrest and detention in Greece, his haulage business had collapsed, and that he would probably also lose his home because it was tied to the business.

Sheffield winning World Student Games marathon

By Ronald Faux

STAGING the World Student Games in July 1991 has become a marathon rather than an invigorating sprint for Sheffield. The event which is expected to attract world leaders, 6,000 competitors and officials and tens of thousands of spectators to the city, has been saved from collapse by a £1 million injection by the city council.

This has guaranteed the prestigious competition for Sheffield with the Sports Council using its national and international contacts to market the games and secure sponsorship.

The 40 staff at Universiad GB Ltd, the World Student Games company which has unsuccessfully tried to promote and find sponsors for the games and is now wound up, were told yesterday that their contracts would end.

Mr Rodger Taylor, of Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountants, was appointed to advise on the "orderly wind-down" of the company over the next three months. Mr Clive Betts, leader of Sheffield City Council, was confident yesterday that the city would not be left clutching an embarrassingly large bill. The £1 million the council had agreed to put up was purely to prime the pump and reassure potential sponsors who had become doubtful about the future of the games.

The council clearly hopes that the wind-up of Universiad GB will close the door on the negative publicity that has surrounded the games and the hiatus caused by the sacking last December of Mr Peter Burns, the chief executive, followed by the resignation of the finance director. "It was in an administrative shambles but this has been resolved and financial expenditure is under control. But the publicity has been damaging," Mr Betts said.

The council is convinced that the games will bring much more to Sheffield than a series of world class sporting events. Mr Betts sees them as one part of the city's regeneration, a catalyst that will leave a legacy of improvements in housing and facilities and promote a good image of the city.

The mid 1980s were a bad time for the city with cuts made in the steel and heavy engineering industries that made Sheffield famous. The loss of jobs and production capacity was massive. "We needed something to help reverse that," he said.

Creating the new sports facilities, the stadia, swimming pools and indoor tennis courts, has cost £150 million. The line of Hyde Park council flats, which overlook the centre of Sheffield, has been transformed into the games village. With about £20 million invested by the city council and a housing association, the village will provide 500 flats for single people and young couples without children when the games are over.

Plans still under consideration include a "Super Tram" system to transport athletes around the city from the village to the competitions. This would remain as a useful addition to the city's public transport. Among the spin-offs already achieved have been the restoration of the Lyceum Theatre in Tudor Square and agreement on a new city centre hotel to be opened in time for the games.

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Youth in Blakelock case 'put through sheer hell'

By Quentin Cowdry
Home Affairs Correspondent

A YOUTH whose mistreatment by police investigating the 1985 Tottenham riot has led to a senior policeman being found guilty of a disciplinary offence said yesterday he had gone through "sheer hell" while being questioned by detectives.

Mr Jason Hill, aged 13 at the time, was held for three days by police without access to his parents or solicitors. He eventually confessed to helping to murder PC Keith Blakelock after being repeatedly interrogated while wrapped in a blanket wearing only underpants.

He was later acquitted on the direction of the trial judge, Mr Justice Hodgson, who described his confession as a fantasy. His treatment by police had been "burdensome, harsh, wrong and unjust", the judge said.

"I went through sheer hell," Mr Hill, now 18 and unemployed, said. "I felt totally alone and frightened because I thought I was going to prison." He said the police's investigation had been "all wrong" and should now be subjected to a full independent inquiry.

Det Chief Supt Graham Melvin, who headed the murder inquiry, was found guilty on Monday by a Scotland Yard disciplinary tribunal of failing to ensure the suspect had access to solicitors and, therefore, disobeying standing orders. Allegations that he abused his authority and was an accessory to a disciplinary offence were rejected.

The tribunal, comprising two members of the Police Complaints Authority and a deputy assistant commissioner, has recommended that the officer be punished, but the nature of the recommendation is not being disclosed. It is understood, however, that he is unlikely to be dismissed or demoted.

Mr Melvin, who qualifies for retirement in November, is to appeal against the decision to Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary. He is presently head of the Yard's Organised Crime Task Force.

Mrs Barbara Hill, Mr Hill's mother, speaking at a press conference at Broadwater Farm, Tottenham, the scene of the riot, said her son had been turned from a "happy-go-lucky" youngster into a young man "with no future".

Mr Andy Hall, the solicitor acting for Winston Silcott, aged 30, jailed for life together with Mark Braithwaite, aged 22, and Engin Raghip, aged 23, for murdering PC Blakelock, claimed the case found against Mr Melvin put the convictions of the "Tottenham Three" into doubt.

"Great doubt has been placed on the credibility and professionalism of the officer in charge of those investigations," Mr Hall said.

Mr Melvin: Found guilty of a disciplinary offence

Warning on fish

An operation was launched yesterday to remove fish from a river following the discovery of PCBs, a chemical compound on the Government's list of dangerous substances.

The public was warned not to eat fish from the River Lowman, at Tiverton, Devon. The move, by the National Rivers Authority, is one of a number of measures undertaken after detailed investigations by pollution officers. They believe the PCBs got into the water at least a year ago. It is unlikely that the original source will be traced. Efforts have been concentrated on stopping the remaining PCBs moving down river.

Dog survives

A labrador was found alive after spending five days in a car which was found abandoned after being stolen near Beccles, Suffolk.

Car bait

Police in Nottinghamshire are to borrow high-performance cars from dealers to use as bait to catch car thieves after a big rise in thefts. They will be kept under watch in the worst hit car parks.

Cell death

Linda Tandy, aged 35 of Wakefield, who was serving a life sentence for killing her 12-year-old daughter has been found dead in her cell at Durham prison.

Ferrets tracked

Ferrets used to hunt rabbits at the Queen's Sandringham estate have been equipped with radio transmitters so their position can be tracked.

Police pay out

Thames Valley police are understood to have paid compensation totalling several thousand pounds to Hells Angels in Reading, Berkshire, after 38 claims following raids five years ago. Details of the sums will be released in a report on Friday.

Acid attack

Animal Liberation Front militants said they carried out a £20,000 acid attack on cars at a garage in Lewes, East Sussex, because the showroom took a £40 advertisement in a hunting handbook.

£500,000 award

Mr Carl Gooch, aged 27, of North Ferriby, Humberside, who was crippled in an abseiling accident during a merchant seamen's training course run by Lancashire County Council has received more than £500,000 in an out of court settlement.

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Britain warns of retaliation on Europe beef bans

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

BRITAIN might have to consider retaliation in kind against the French and West German bans on imports of British beef if they are not lifted at today's emergency meeting of European Community agriculture ministers in Brussels, officials said yesterday.

Mr David Maclean, the Food Minister, said Mr John Gummer, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food, would "read the riot act" at the meeting and would not "accept compromise just to save the face of other countries when they are wrong". He said: "We want the total removal of the ban immediately but if the French and Germans hold out I fear that the Commission may not want to offend them".

He added that the French were acting "unacceptably and unlawfully" over the ban. "As a political manoeuvre it was not unexpected. The French have been using the same animal feed as British farmers, a practice which we have now stopped. We have just as much grounds in that respect to ban their products," he said.

France, by far the biggest foreign market for British beef, imposed a ban last week ostensibly because of fears about the "mad cow" disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). That prompted West Germany to follow suit because of concern that beef no longer able to enter France would be diverted to its market.

A commission spokesman said the next step, if the bans are not lifted today, would be to send letters to France and West Germany asking them to justify their actions and giving them several weeks to reply. After that, Brussels would send them a "reasoned opinion" explaining why they were being taken to court and allowing still further time for replies.

Mr Raymond MacSharry, the European Commissioner for Agriculture, is understood to have ruled out the option of speeding up the process by means of an injunction that would require the bans to be lifted pending a court ruling on their legality.

A separate meeting in Brussels today of the EC's scientific veterinary committee will be crucial for Mr Gummer. Last January the committee decided that a ban on the import from Britain of live cattle over six months old and the removal of certain offals from British beef were sufficient, in addition to the measures taken within Britain, to curb the spread of BSE.

Any hint that the committee was having second thoughts might be enough to stiffen the resolve of the French and West Germans to maintain their bans and to deter the Commission from pursuing legal action against them.

The National Farmers' Union announced yesterday that it had sponsored an amendment to the Food Safety Bill, due to be debated in the Commons tomorrow, calling for the labelling of ingredients used in animal feed to be made compulsory this year to restore public confidence in livestock products.

● French beef producers told their government yesterday they wanted the ban on imports of British beef extended to Ireland, which has had 19 cases of BSE compared with Britain's 14,000.

Kevin Reid, aged nine, listens intently to an answer from Mr Simon Hughes MP at a "question time" for school children at the House of Commons yesterday

Solicitors liaise with the French on second homes

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

THE boom in buying holiday homes in France led yesterday to the setting up of a joint group of several hundred firms of solicitors and French *notaires*.

The new Franco-British Club for Solicitors and Notaires from the Calais region, formally set up at the Law Society, will create the first liaison between English and French lawyers with an eye to 1992.

It will serve both for the introduction of clients and exchange of information in what has become a new field of work for solicitors because of the growing numbers of buyers of second homes in France.

The Solicitors' Property Group said: "These purchasers need to be advised about the difference between French and British inheritance and tax laws." While lawyers in either country are expert in their own respective fields, there was a "dangerous gap in between into which the unwary purchaser of an overseas property may fall.

"Does he or she realize, for example, that in France you are not free to leave property by will to whomsoever you choose, that the rate of inheritance tax payable can vary depending on the relationship of the beneficiary to the deceased?" The new association would act as a "bridgehead" to the other side of the Channel. "It will enable our members to offer, with the assistance of their overseas colleagues, a comprehensive legal service for those clients who choose to live, work or travel in another EEC country."

In France *notaires* are concerned not only with the legal transfer procedure, but also, particularly in the north and the west, they negotiate the sale of their clients' properties, much in the same way as members of the Solicitors' Property Group.

One spin-off from the new association will be that properties which are being offered for sale by French *notaires* will be marked through the 110 offices of the Solicitors' Property Group. It is proposed that the agreement signed yesterday between the group and the Regional Council of Notaires for the Pas de Calais will prompt similar arrangements with other regional councils in other departments of France.

● Proposals to change the law to allow homosexual adults to marry are put forward in an article in this month's *Family Law*.

Makers ask to test blow-out tyre on coach

By Craig Seton

THE tyre believed to have blown out on a British holiday coach in France, leading to a crash which killed 11 people, was manufactured 13 months ago and would have had to have been "regrooved" after 50,000 to 60,000 miles to ensure it remained safe, a tyre company said yesterday.

Avon Tyres of Melksham, Wiltshire, said that the front offside tyre that was suspected of bursting on the double-decker coach was one it manufactured in April last year. The firm said it appeared that the tyre had not been remoulded and was still in its "first life" stage.

A spokesman for the company said that it had no information about the date the £300 Avon Steelmaster Regroovable was sold or when it was fitted to the coach. Nor did the company know the crucial detail about the number of miles it had covered.

The coach, owned by Montego European Travel, of Leek, Staffordshire, was carrying 73 passengers home to England when it crashed off the A6 motorway near Joigny, 80 miles from Paris, on Sunday. Apart from the dead, 61 people were injured, nine seriously.

Some holidaymakers were reported to have claimed that the vehicle had had tyre trouble and that after an earlier blow-out another tyre had been fitted at the front. The accident is being investigated by the French authorities and by inspectors of the Department of Transport, who have flown to France to conduct their own inquiry.

Mr John Johnston, the driver, who was seriously injured, has denied claims that he was exceeding the 55mph speed limit.

Avon Tyres said yesterday that it urgently wanted to examine the tyre reported to have burst. It had been in contact with the Department of Transport to offer its assistance in the inquiry.

The spokesman said the tyre was capable of being driven at speeds of up to 81mph. It was manufactured to be driven for 50,000 to 60,000 miles on its original 4mm-deep tread and this could then be "regrooved" to a depth of 4mm to give it a second life. Under certain circumstances it could then be remoulded for a "third life".

The spokesman added: "I would have thought it was still in its first life. It was a comparatively new tyre, but we do not know its history. It would normally operate for 50,000 to 60,000 miles although I have read reports that some of these touring holiday companies do over 100,000 miles a year.

"We would not expect it to run for more than 50,000 to 60,000 miles without being regrooved, but we do not know what mileage it had done," he said.

"Regrooving is quite standard for all commercial tyre manufactures. It is built into the tyre for that to be done. Remoulding has to be done by a company belonging to the British Remould Tyre Association, and before remoulding for a third life it has to be ensured that the side walls are in an adequate condition."

The spokesman said a blow-out could be caused by a number of factors, including debris on the road, overheating due to under-inflation, problems with the bearings and drive shaft or by brake binding. He said: "We are most anxious to get hold of that tyre to carry out full tests."

Mr Ken Garside, a director of Montego European Travel, which got its licence to operate only in April, refused yesterday to comment on the tyres. He said: "We offer our condolences to all concerned, but we do not think it is appropriate to comment further until the investigation has been completed."

However, Mr John Cox, managing director of C & C Diesel, of Leek, the company which carried out a maintenance check on the coach before it left for France last Thursday, said yesterday: "Apart from checking the tyre tread and pressures, the tyres are the responsibility of the operator because tyres are a specialist thing.

"We carried out a routine maintenance check and no defects were reported. Our mechanics would have made it known if there had been a defect," Mr Cox said.

No increase planned in port checks

By Arthur Leathley

SAFETY checks on coaches are unlikely to be stepped up at Britain's busiest seaport after the coach crash in France, which claimed 11 lives at the weekend. A senior police officer said that more stringent safety checks would not be imposed at Dover.

Chief Inspector Stewart Donaldson, of Kent Police traffic division, said yesterday: "Lorries are of much more concern in terms of safety checks. They are checked much more frequently at the port and I can't see any change in the near future as a result of the French tragedy, whatever the causes prove to be.

"You have have put it in perspective – this is one coach out of the hundreds that travel from Britain through France. Coach transport is still a very safe way of travelling, and the regulations which we have ensure that British coaches are kept in good condition."

Department of Transport officials are able to demand examination of a coach. Although officials were unable to provide figures on the proportion of coaches checked, one engineer estimated that fewer than one coach would be tested for every 20 lorries.

The most frequent safety checks carried out are on foreign vehicles entering Britain. One engineer who repairs coaches for the Department of Transport said: "There really are not many cases of British coaches being unsafe. If there are problems, drivers will normally come into a garage and have them repaired without the need for spot checks.

Chief Inspector Donaldson said that on Kent roads there had been no fatalities in the last three years involving coaches, compared to 150 deaths involving all vehicles last year. "I think that makes it quite clear that coaches are generally pretty safe."

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Minister defends 'prompt' warning on toxic shellfish

PUBLIC HEALTH

THE Department of Health had acted promptly in the interests of public health in issuing a warning about the high levels of toxins found in shellfish off the north-east coast, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State, told the Commons when he dismissed allegations of delay and confusion over the incident.

He also rejected suggestions that fishermen should receive compensation and said that as soon as monitoring showed that toxin levels were safe the warning would be lifted.

"On May 26, my department issued a public warning that routine monitoring of the north-east coast of England by ministry scientists had found high levels of a toxin in shellfish. The toxin is concentrated by shellfish from a particular kind of naturally occuring algae which occurs at this time of year.

"My department advised that consumption of all locally caught shellfish, including crustaceans such as crabs, lobsters, shrimps and prawns, could cause illness and should not be eaten while toxin levels remained high. The warning applied to shellfish taken from the coast between the Humber and Montrose.

"The occurence of toxins at the levels found recently in shellfish from the North-east has, in the past, caused serious illness. Further extensive *testing of mulluscan shellfish*, for example mussels, has indicated that the levels of toxin are such that the public must, for the time being, refrain from consuming them.

"However, with the exception of crabs, the safety of all crustaceans, such as lobsters, prawns and shrimps caught off the north-east coast, has now been firmly established. The testing of crabs has revealed small amounts of toxin in the edible meat and more tests are being made to obtain sufficient reassurance to enable the warning on crabs to be lifted.

"The Department of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Scottish Office have worked closely in addressing this problem and clear advice has been given to, and acted upon, by the public.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, Lib Dem), who raised the issue, asked what tests had been made on crabs, lobsters and prawns before the warning had been issued. That had greatly widened the warning and done great harm to the fragile livlihood of east coast fishermen. *Because the warning had been* misleading and had caused serious damage to fishermen, they should be compensated.

Mr Clarke said he realized that the livelihood of many fishermen had been affected, but, in 1968, a total of 78 people had been affected as a result of eating shelfish containing toxin and the levels had been as high this year. It had been wise to be prudent in the interests of public health.

The toxin was produced by the blooming of a particular algae and outbreaks had occurred as far back as 1814. It was a naturally occuring hazard known to local fishermen who collected the shellfish rather than rearing them. Farmers were not compensated for natural disasters.

Mr John Thompson (Wansbeck, Lab) said that the problem was aggravated by pollution problems in the North Sea. Pressure should be put on the privatized water companies to lower pollution levels.

Mr Clarke said that there was no scientific or medical evidence to support the assertion that the toxin was related to pollution.

Mr Elliot Morely, Opposition spokesman on food, said that there had been a three-day delay between the issue of the warning and clarification from the department because no one had been available over the holiday to answer questions.

Mr Clarke denied there had been any delay. He and other ministers had all been available. There was an effective system for protecting public *health* and it had been put into operation promptly.

Mr Richard Holt (Langbaurgh, C) said that in the case of the coach crash everyone was being clever after the event. In the case of the shelfish warning the Government was being accused of being clever before the event.

Mr Clarke said that a serious paralytic disease resulted from the toxin. If people had been affected the Government would have been criticized, and rightly.

Poll tax 'costly chaos' denied

PRIME MINISTER

ADMINISTERING the community charge involved huge costs and there was chaos in its collection in many areas, Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said during question time.

He said that Mrs Margaret Thatcher had spoken for the whole country recently when she said that the poll tax had been a huge mistake.

Mrs Thatcher: He is mistaken. I never said any such thing (laughter). I am very sorry to disappoint him, but he should not believe all he reads in the newspapers.

Mr Kinnock said that he was sad that reports that some common sense had broken out in Downing Street appeared to be slightly exaggerated.

"The costs of administering poll tax are huge. In many areas there is chaos in collection of poll tax and poll tax capping will inflict crippling losses, especially on children's education. While all that is true, the only thing wrong with her saying that poll tax is a huge mistake is that *it is a gross understatement.*

Mrs Thatcher: He never conditions his supplementary question to my previous reply (laughter).

The Government had accelerated the taxpayers' contribution, through rate support grant, to local authorities, giving them a cash advantage that would tide them over difficulties.

Mr Kinnock: Perhaps she will condition herself to this: The reality all over the country is that people under Conservative and Labour councils are saying that this poll tax is costing so much more than the rates ever did. Where is the sense, the prudence and the fairness in that? The tax was doomed, as it deserved to be, along with the Government.

Mrs Thatcher: I understand that he feels strongly about community charge, as he lives in Ealing, because they have a Labour council and a very high charge.

They had looked at the Labour policy document, since Mr Peter Mandelson, the Director of Communications for the Labour Party, had said that it would contain the party's fully worked-out alternative to the charge, but they found that the practical means of achieving the principles in the document would be in a background paper. There was no paper, and the Labour Party had no clue.

● A Labour MP expressed the hope during question time that the Prime Minister would enjoy a pleasant night's sleep in the warm. **Mr John P. Smith** (Vale of Glamorgan, Lab) asked what she would do for his constituents who, in national housing week, did not have a roof over their heads.

In reply, **Mrs Thatcher** gave figures for the number of homeless people in London and said that the Government had allocated another £250 million to be spent over the next two years on nearly 5,000 extra lettings and new housing association hostels.

Government wants speed limiters for coaches soon

FRENCH CRASH

MINISTERS are seeking to hasten the fitting of speed limiters to coaches, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, told MPs yesterday when he made a statement on Sunday's coach crash in France.

He would be having urgent talks with operators about the lessons that could be learnt, but he rejected a suggestion that Britain should act unilaterally on the fitting of seat belts. Their use would not be enforceable, he said.

Mr Parkinson said that two of his department's senior vehicle investigation experts had flown *out to assist the French authorities.* He expected a full report on the vehicle from them next week.

They had told him that the right-hand front tyre had failed. It was not a remould. It was in good condition, was the correct size for the vehicle and it had no sign of under-inflation. The vehicle had been fitted with a tachograph, which was now with the French police.

"It is my intention to ensure that all the circumstances are fully investigated and the facts made available. I expect to get a full report about the vehicle next week and we have agreed with the French authorities that we will exchange reports."

The Government attached the highest importance to coach safety and driver training. Before going on the road each *coach was tested and certificated.* It was required to undergo an annual roadworthiness inspection. The coach concerned, he said, had been checked in accordance with all the British requirments.

"Britain has been playing a leading role in Europe in developing high standards of coach safety. In particular, we have been pressing for the provision of seat belts in coaches and we shall, in the light of this accident, be renewing our pressure to remove the obstacles to their standard fitment in all our coaches."

He would be having urgent discussions with the Bus and Coach Council and others about the lessons that could be learnt from the accident and to maintain and secure the safest possible coach travel. He would seek to accelerate the fitting of speed limiters.

Mr Peter Snape, an Opposition spokesman on transport, asked why he had not insisted on the unilateral implementation of seat belt legislation for coaches.

Would he comment on a story in the *Daily Mail* that the company involved had been operating illegally for some months.

Labour believed that this tragedy was a direct result of coach deregulation — (loud Conservative protests) — "which has led to a proliferation of backstreet operators with neither the time, money nor resources adequately to maintain their coaches".

Mr Parkinson said that seat belts were within the competence of the European Community. "We have been leading the way to get them fitted in all our coaches. We only have the support of the Danes and the slightly half-hearted support of the Germans. The rest of the Community are opposed.

"As recently as last Thursday, we were pressing the Commission to come forward with a directive.

"We could take unilateral action, but we could not enforce *that action. It would be illegal.* Therefore it would be a pointless gesture of the kind we do not intend to waste time on."

The claim of illegal operation was made by a rival organization. It was being investigated. But it was beyond doubt that the coach was properly licensed and was being properly operated.

On deregulation, Mr Snape's prejudice was overruling his knowledge. These particular coaches had not been regulated for nearly 16 years.

"So for him to claim that the recent deregulation of bus services has affected this is nonsense."

Mr Ronald Fearn, Liberal Democrat spokesman on transport, said he hoped that proposals for a licence for life for coach operators would be stopped and that they would *continue to be renewed every* five years.

Mr Parkinson said that there was a misleading and worrying headline in a newspaper today suggesting that the driver had had his job for only 10 days.

That might have been so, but he had held his licence to drive these vehicles for more than two years. The licence still had three years to run.

Britain was the only European country that insisted on a tilt test for these vehicles.

Mr Bruce Grocott (The Wrekin, Lab) said that an independent Ministry of Transport inquiry was needed into speed limits, safety belts and tyre safety standards.

Mr Parkinson said during later questions that he would look again at whether the 70mph limit for coaches was satisfactory.

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab) said it was common knowledge that there were many cowboy firms operating. The minister should try to outlaw them. There was also a new form of motorway madness, with drivers using the inside lane and then moving into the outside lane at 100 miles an hour.

Mr Parkinson said that enforcement of the law was a matter for the police. He would bring that matter to their attention. On cowboy firms, spot checks had been increased to try to catch out those not playing by the rules.

Mr Watts: "Ban the appalling Golden Delicious"

MP wants 'apples for beef' boycott

FRENCH and other European governments' actions in banning the import of British beef was roundly condemned by the Prime Minister in the Commons. The actions, she said at question time, had more to do with protecting continental farmers than with scientific evidence about British beef.

Mr John Watts (Slough, C) called on British consumers to use their purchasing power to boycott French goods, "including the appalling Golden Delicious apples".

Mrs Thatcher said that she understood his strong feelings. The European Commission had been extremely good and the Government was glad of the action it had taken.

"It is quite illegal to ban imports from this country to Germany and France and the Commission is taking action. The special veterinary committee of the European Community has agreed that Britain has taken all action possible", she added, "and that British beef is safe."

Mr Alan Amos (Hexham, C) said that there was no scientific or medical evidence against British beef. The ban was a disgrace.

● In the Lords, **Lady Trumpington**, Minister of State for Agriculture, ruled out retaliatory action to ban French and other foodstuff.

She told a Conservative peer who urged the ban that the Government had great sympathy with the difficulty of beef farmers and had asked the EC Commission to recognize the weak market *and to open intervention for unlimited amounts of beef, to provide* a safety net.

She did not agree with retaliation. "We play by the rules. We are using the proper European procedures. Two wrongs don't make a right and, importantly, the Commission is on our side."

Broadcasting Bill promised close scrutiny

HOUSE OF LORDS

OPPOSITION peers promised that they would give the Broadcasting Bill close scrutiny during its passage through the Lords.

As the Bill was given a second reading yesterday, Mr David Mellor, Minister of State, Home Office, was praised for the improvements made in the Commons, but given a warning that they would not be enough to transform a fundamentally *bad piece of legislation.*

Lady Birk, for the Opposition, said the Opposition would want to raise the difficult questions of how the new television companies to be granted franchises in 1992 would satisfy the quality requirements in the Bill and how the new Independent Television Commission would decide on the award of franchises to lower bidders.

"This Bill still appears to have the hallmarks of an obsession with the market place. Despite the greater discretion allowed to the commission, the essential ingredient *still remains* money, not for better programmes but money which will go into the Treasury."

The BBC and the ITV companies were taking international and national awards. What benefits would follow the rejec*tion of the public service* in favour of the free market? In the United States the result had been a surfeit of soaps. The introduction of cable and satellite would be no substitute for good terrestrial stations.

Labour peers would want a moratorium on takeovers to provide more stability while the new companies were being established. They would want power for the commisssion to impose a networking arrangement upon the new companies so that more of the smaller companies had the opportunity to make their own programmes.

They would also ask for cross-media ownership to extend to non-direct satellite broadcasting stations such as Sky, perhaps by insisting that News International's holding should be reduced once Sky reached a target figure of viewers.

Finally, they would press for a clearer definition of what Channel 5 was to show and assurances that its launch would not drag down the new Channel 3 programmes.

Lord Thomson of Monifieth *(Lib Dem), a former chairman* of the IBA, said that it would be churlish not to congratulate the new Home Office broadcasting team on the improvements they had made, but "the changes, however welcome, cannot change a basically bad Bill into a good one".

There were good things in the Bill. The trouble was that it undermined and diluted to a quite unnecessary degree the public service character of ITV. There remained, as long as the Government pursued its present policy, a threat to BBC finances.

His successor at the IBA, Mr George Russell, admitted that the new Channel 3 programmes might be 80 per cent of the quality of the present programmes. That was realistic. It might also be optimistic.

He could not see that the commission would be able to award franchises to lower bidders, on the ground of quality, in more than a minority of applications without destroying the credibility of the Government's *highest bid formula. He would* prefer the Government to set a price and the commission to satisfy itself that the quality hurdles were being cleared.

The Government was being extraordinarily stubborn in refusing to have a moratorium on takeovers until perhaps two years after the award of the franchises.

Major ownership of national news services, such as ITN, should remain with directors who had a statutory obligation.

Earl Ferrers, Minister of State at the Home Office, moving the second reading, said that he hoped that the peaks of anxiety about the Bill had been removed by the changes made in the Commons and there was now "just gentle rolling countryside".

The Government was aware of remaining concerns, on religious broadcasting and the transitional arrangements for cable, and other changes would be made.

The breadth of what was involved was vast. The pace of technological change and the range of developing or potential new services meant that piecemeal tinkering with existing legislation simply would not do.

The new quality requirements would mean that the ITC would be able to award licences to lower bidders and would be able *to apply this test to each* franchise separately. The changes would result in increased choice while safeguarding quality and standards.

Library fully in use in 1996

The British Library will start moving books into the basement bookstacks at its new premises near St Pancras Station, north London, by the middle of next year, Mr *Richard Luce, Minister for* the Arts, said in a Commons written reply.

He added that the first reading room would open in early 1993 and the first phase of the building would be operational by the middle of that year. The completed building would be fully operational by mid-1996.

A model and artist's impression of the completed building will be included in this year's Royal Academy summer exhibition, and there will be an exhibition in the portico of the building on the St Pancras site for the next few months.

£110m saved on laundry

The initiative started in 1983 to encourage health authorities to place contracts through competitive tendering of laundry, domestic and catering services had resulted in cumulative savings of £110 million up to the end of 1988-89, with *an additional £6 million savings* expected in 1989-90. **Mr Stephen Dorrell**, Under Secretary of State for Health, said in a written Commons reply.

Passports

The Government estimates that there are between half a million and a million people living in South Africa eligible to hold British passports, **Mr Tim Sainsbury**, Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office, said in a Commons *written reply. Most* had the right to live in the United Kingdom.

Extradition

The Government hopes to make the necessary order in council to ratify the European Convention on Extradition before the summer recess, **Mr David Waddington**, Home Secretary, said in a written reply.

Traffic study

The Department of Transport is planning to conduct a survey of travel in Greater London next year in collaboration with the London Research Centre, British Rail and London Transport, **Mr Robert Atkins**, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said in a written Commons reply.

MP arrives

Mr Michael Carr (above), who won the Bootle by-election for Labour last month, was introduced in the Commons.

New peer

Lord Varley, the former Labour Cabinet minister and MP for Chesterfield, was introduced in the Lords.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Scotland. Debate on an Opposition motion on the welfare of children. Education (School Teachers' Pay and Conditions) Order.
Lords (2.30): Debate on European political and monetary union.

Labour warns the opt-out hospitals

HOSPITALS that opted out of the National Health Service without giving local people any say in the matter would be taken back into local authority control by a Labour government, **Mr Robin Cook**, chief Opposition spokesman on health, said during question time in the Commons.

Earlier, **Mr Kenneth Clarke**, Secretary of State for Health, had dismissed a suggestion that local ballots should be held in hospitals considering opting out. No government had ever thought it sensible for changes in management of health services to be subject to ballots. He preferred the *usual process of consultation.*

A total of 195 units had so far expressed an interest in National Health Service trust status, with about eighty indicating that they might seek trust status next year. That demonstrated the keen interest with which senior health service staff, including members of the medical and nursing profession, viewed such trusts.

Mrs Margaret Ewing (Moray, SNP) said that all staff and patients, including potential patients, should be consulted.

Mr Clarke said that staff were a key part of the service. There would be full consultations and applications would be refused unless he was satisfied that they would lead to a better quality of service for *patients and better value for money.*

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C) said that the drive for health service self-governing status came from the Department of Health through the chairmen of the regions and the districts, all of whom were party political appointments.

"Will he say genuinely to the House if it is the view of local people, particularly of consultants, doctors, nurses and paramedics working within the hospital, that they do not wish to go for self-governing status, he will refuse that application?"

Mr Clarke said that he denied strongly the allegation that chairmen were party political appointments. It was absurd that proposals to return to a system like the old *hospital management boards, which gave* more local control at the sharp end of delivery, should be opposed.

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Ring fence for grants rejected

THE principle of "ring fencing", or reserving funds specifically for community care, was rejected by *Mr Kenneth Clarke*, Secretary of State for Health, during question time.

He said that the House had welcomed the Government's decision to make community care the prime responsibility of local government. Reserved grants would be inconsistent.

Responding to **Mr Robin Cook**, chief Opposition spokesman on health, who pointed out that the House of Lords had voted in favour of such a system, he said that ring fencing was not practical or desirable.

It was not right for a government to give responsibility for community care to local authorities and yet keep to itself part of the responsibility. "I do not understand how it is proposed to distinguish earmarked grant from all the monies being spent on care in the community by local government which provides home help, meals on wheels and so on."

Mr Cook said that Sir Roy Griffiths, author of a report on community care, had recommended reserved grants. The local authorities wanted it as did the House of Lords.

"Why does he *disagree with* everyone else if he is not afraid that that earmarked grant will make it only too plain that he cannot come up with the cash councils need to make care in the community work?"

A House full of Tory rebels

By Sheila Gunn
Political Reporter

THE House of Lords has inflicted 152 defeats on government legislation during the 11 years of Thatcher administrations, but never until yesterday has it killed a government Bill at second reading.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has freely added to her party's numbers in the upper House so that now about 435 peers take the Tory whip compared with about 115 on the Labour benches. *She has also demanded* hard work of the Lords, with the average day's sitting now more than seven hours.

Despite a tendency to rebel, the Tories usually retreat on the big political issues, such as banding the poll tax, rather than provoke a conflict with the elected chamber. The free vote given to peers on the War Crimes Bill removed the normal reticence.

An analysis of the voting is shown in the table below:

	Against	For
Con	112	39
Lab	17	18
Lib Dem	20	4
SDP	4	2
Ind	54	11
	207	74

The loss of most backbench Conservative peers, coupled with the opposition to the Bill from the Independent crossbenches which normally vote four to one in the Government's favour, was responsible for the defeat because Labour peers split almost evenly.

Lord Jenkin of Roding

In addition, only eight of the Government's "payroll" vote of 22 whips and ministers in the Lords supported the Bill. The remaining 14 either abstained or were absent. The names of the rebels are a rollcall of the party's former leading figures, including Lords Barber, Boyd-Carpenter, Carrington, Crickhowell, Hailsham of St Marylebone, Havers, Jenkin of Roding, Johnston of Rockport, Pym, Rees, Thomas of Swynnerton, and Windlesham.

The combined powers of the 1911 and 1949 Parliament Acts have never been adopted by MPs to exercise their supremacy over the unelected chamber. But they would enable the Commons to pass an exact copy of the Bill and send it for Royal Assent next spring if the Lords again refused to give it a second reading. Senior peers do not believe the Lords would provoke such a constitutional dilemma.

A more likely scenario is for peers to try to amend the legislation during committee and report stages over the summer months next year. Unless a deal was done over agreed changes, the Commons could at the end of the session send it for *Royal Assent without the peers'* agreement.

The heaviest Lords defeat inflicted previously on a Thatcher administration was the vote to tear the heart out of the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill in June 1984. The peers voted by 191 to 143 against the Government's plan to suspend elections to the Greater London Council and six metropolitan county councils before their abolition.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, then Secretary of State for Environment, who watched in dismay as the peers not only destroyed his Bill but also contributed to the demise of his political career, was, as Lord Jenkin of Roding, one of yesterday's rebels.

Certain issues, such as help and housing for the disabled, regularly put the peers in conflict with the Commons and ministers often give in as long as the concession is not expensive. If a Lords defeat carries with it a high price, the Commons can invoke its financial privilege and overrule the peers.

Since the departure of Lord Whitelaw as leader of the Lords, however, Commons ministers have been more ruthless in reversing Lords defeats rather than negotiating a compromise.

That was done five times in the past session over Lords *amendments to comply with EC* drinking water standards, information to shareholders about companies' political donations, power to take over nuclear power stations on the ground of safety, uprating child benefit, and extending the mobility allowance to the deaf/blind or severely mentally handicapped.

In recent sessions the Government has whipped in rarely seen peers to defeat rebellions on the football identity card scheme and the privatization of nuclear energy. Eventually, ministers were forced by other pressures to abandon both plans.

Peers also rallied behind an amendment moved by the late Tory peer, Lord Chelwood, to band the poll tax because of fears that the flat rate would cause hardship to many people. Again, the Tory backwoodsmen were whipped in to quash the rebellion.

Dogs are another Lords subject. Much to the dismay of Mr Nicholas Ridley, who was then Secretary of State for Environment, the peers voted in 1988 to give him powers to bring in a dog registration scheme. He did not take advantage of them. This summer the peers are preparing to go a step further and try to force the Government to introduce such a scheme.

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Sihanouk's ceasefire plan isolates Khmer Rouge

From JOE JOSEPH IN TOKYO

IN A development that seems as likely to escalate the fighting in Cambodia as to nudge the country towards peace, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian resistance leader, and Mr Hun Sen, the Prime Minister of the Vietnamese-backed Phnom Penh regime, last night signed a communiqué here calling for a voluntary ceasefire.

They also called for the reconvening of the Paris-based international conference on Cambodia.

But the Khmer Rouge, the military backbone of Prince Sihanouk's uneasy three-party coalition, boycotted the talks, leading observers to speculate that the fighting in Cambodia between Mr Hun Sen's government forces and guerrillas of Mr Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge leader, could worsen in the coming months.

"I am not responsible for what the Khmer Rouge are going to do," Prince Sihanouk told a news conference here last night. Since he has been saying that any ceasefire pact that excludes the Khmer Rouge is an empty gesture, the Khmer Rouge's exclusion from last night's accord would seem to undermine the communiqué's potential impact. The Prince acknowledged as much when he described the face-saving outcome as "a success, certainly, but like a half-moon, it's half a success".

Mr Khieu Samphan, who stayed in his hotel room throughout the two-day Tokyo meeting after being refused an equal voice at the negotiating table with Prince Sihanouk and Mr Hun Sen, said in a statement last night that he would not observe any ceasefire. "We cannot be held responsible for the implementation of any agreement which we have not signed."

Prince Sihanouk admitted that without anybody policing the accord, the voluntary ceasefire was rather academic. "There is no body to monitor the ceasefire and to prevent the warring factions and the Vietnamese from fighting each other. So I can predict that for a few months at least there will be fighting.

"I have given orders to the royalists to stop fighting and the Republican Party of Mr Son Sann will also stop fighting. The Khmer Rouge is not obliged to accept the communiqué which has just been signed by non-Khmer Rouge men," he stated.

But observers of the Cambodian conflict warned against reading the Prince's comments as a break with the Khmer Rouge. They said Prince Sihanouk had in the past looked like leaving the Khmer Rouge isolated only to embrace them back into the anti-Vietnamese fold later.

The problem facing the peace-brokers and the combatants is that if Mr Khieu Samphan could eventually be persuaded to play a role in the United Nations-proposed Supreme National Council that will govern Cambodia, Mr Hun Sen, who says there is no role for the Khmer Rouge in the future government of Cambodia, may then withdraw his support.

It was behind-the-scenes pressure from Mr Hun Sen that forced the Japanese hosts to isolate the Khmer Rouge by holding two-way talks rather than allowing all four parties to sign the pact.

The communiqué calls for the voluntary ceasefire to take effect on the first day of the formation of a Supreme National Council, while internationally-supervised elections are held. The signatories to the Tokyo communiqué said this council should be formed by the end of July. But its composition is a prickly issue in the peace process. Without representatives of the Khmer Rouge, the council, too, could prove a hollow chamber.

Prince Sihanouk told reporters last night that he had already agreed to a proposal from Mr Hun Sen to have three of his own followers, three from Mr Son Sann's faction and six nominated by Mr Hun Sen. "There will be no Khmer Rouge," said the Prince. "They do not want to take part."

Enrile coup charge 'is invalid'

Manila — The Philippines Supreme Court has ruled invalid the twin charge of rebellion and murder against the opposition leader, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, and 20 others, the Chief Justice announced yesterday.

Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan said the 15-member court believed those linked to a failed coup in December, 1989, should be charged only with rebellion, which is punishable by a maximum of 12 years' imprisonment, and that by attaching an additional charge of murder, a capital offence, the indictment had been rendered invalid. *(Reuter)*

Swiss safe

Geneva — Miss Brigitte Kehrer and Mr Thierry Tribolet, two Swiss Red Cross workers reported missing in Mozambique since last Friday, are safe, the agency said. *(Reuter)*

King recovering

Oslo — King Olav of Norway, aged 86, the world's oldest reigning monarch, has recovered slightly from pneumonia and a stroke which paralysed his left side. *(Reuter)*

Jordan trials

Amman — Jordan is to put on trial 15 people charged with attacking police and looting during pro-Palestinian protests last month. *(Reuter)*

Mrs Lange dead

Wellington — Mrs Phoebe Lange, aged 81, the outspoken mother of the former New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, has died in Auckland. *(AP)*

Cubans rescued

Miami — Eight men who fled Cuba on inner tubes, a small boat and a makeshift raft, have been rescued from the Atlantic in good condition and handed over to the US Immigration and Naturalization Service. *(AP)*

Angola battle

Luanda — Angola has said that its forces have killed 98 Unita rebels in a battle last Friday in the southern province Cuando Cubango. *(Reuter)*

Fishing row

Kaohsiung, Taiwan — Squid fishermen from Taiwan, Japan and South Korea will continue fishing with driftnets despite international condemnation, the North Pacific Driftnet Squid Fishery Conference announced. *(Reuter)*

Bus tragedy

Dhaka — At least 25 people were killed and 20 injured as a bus carrying pilgrims from a Muslim shrine overshot a bridge and plunged into a canal 35 miles east of Dhaka.

Between the ranks: A young girl watching troops marching across Tiananmen Square yesterday amid the continuing security crackdown

China trumpets a paper victory

From OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN PEKING

CHINA'S leaders were able to proclaim a victory of a kind yesterday after Peking and the other big cities weathered the first anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre with only a flicker of visible mourning by restive students. But the manner in which the Communist Party enforced its tranquillity spoke more than any isolated protests could for the gulf that now separates rulers and ruled.

Defensive front-page reports in the national press yesterday betrayed the relief felt by the party elders in the passing of the fateful date. "Peking life is normal on June 4," they announced. "Millions of local residents peacefully spent the day at work or at rest," the articles, published by the official New China News Agency, said in unison, without mentioning why the day should have been any different from others.

The reports also claimed the universities were "in good order and quiet as usual", but then conceded that "several dozen students, including many foreign ones", had behaved in a rowdy fashion, attracting a crowd of onlookers. All Chinese citizens, the press said, were now turning their thoughts to the Asian Games. The event, to be held in Peking in September, is being greeted with a vast propaganda build-up.

For anyone who experienced the extraordinary security clampdown in Peking over the weekend, the protests on Sunday and Monday nights in a number of university campuses in the capital and other cities were remarkable for their reckless defiance of an authority which, for the past week, has treated its citizens as potential criminals.

Thousands of police had laid siege to the city centre and the university campuses, checking identity at roadblocks and detaining anyone who approached foreigners. All citizens were advised by the work units, the basic organizations to which all must belong, to stay home and go to bed early.

Students reported yesterday that the Public Security Bureau, the security police, had begun calling in those identified as ringleaders of the late-night protests. Though limited in extent, the demonstrations nevertheless appeared to have restored morale.

While the rest of the city let the night pass without public display, the students had not remained silent. "We're controlled, but we haven't given in," said a Peking University undergraduate who took part in the night of smashing bottles — a favourite symbolic act because "xiao ping" means "little bottle", and evokes the image of smashing the regime of Mr Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader. "Last night was a fantastic victory. I think something may happen again. People are angry and this anger has to be expressed somehow."

According to accounts that emerged from the closed university grounds yesterday, the students taunted the plain-clothes men of the Public Security Bureau by repeating the refrain from "Every Breath You Take", the hit-song by the rock band Police. The line goes: "I'll be watching you." They also sang the "Internationale" and a few chanted: "Down with (Premier) Li Peng."

Only one student in Peking addressed the crowd on Monday. Mr Li Minqi, aged 21, a business management student, called for an end to corruption, for land to be given to farmers and factories to the workers, and for the leadership to respect intellectuals. When security men tried to move in on Mr Li, students blocked them, although he was eventually led away. Students then hurled bottles and bricks at security troops.

Journalists lodge protest

From OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT IN PEKING

THE foreign press corps here lodged a formal protest yesterday with the Chinese Government against official measures that the journalists said seemed to be designed to intimidate and prevent reporting on the first anniversary of the Peking massacre.

In the wake of beatings by the police, the Foreign Correspondents' Club delivered a letter to the Foreign Ministry only hours after the Government issued a "serious warning" to unnamed reporters, alleging they were involved in illegal coverage.

Police attacked reporters in the past two days, injuring several. The complaint listed incidents of assault on club members, including the beating of David Holley, the *Los Angeles Times* correspondent, and his wife, Fumiyo, by Chinese security men outside Peking University.

"We most strongly object to the unprovoked use of violence and physical abuse of foreign correspondents by paramilitary officers and security police in Peking in recent days," the letter said. "It appears to us that these actions are an attempt to intimidate members of the foreign press and prevent us from carrying out our legitimate reporting activities."

In anticipation of the protest letter, Jim Munson, the president of the correspondents' club, was called to the Foreign Ministry for an urgent meeting with a Chinese government spokesman. Mr Liu Rucai accused "a small number" of foreign journalists of violating the regulations of the Peking city government by going to university campuses without making formal applications.

Further, he claimed that "during last year's turmoil some foreign correspondents got deeply involved in China's domestic politics and now again are collaborating with these people who still want to do these kinds of things".

Police steal car and use it for year

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

A CANADIAN journalist based in Peking lost her car in June last year. She found it again nearly a year later ... sporting police number plates and a flashing light and patrolling Peking. It had been stolen by the police.

Miss Jan Wong of *The Toronto Globe and Mail* parked the car in one of the main shopping streets in Peking for several days last June while reporting the massacre. She checked the car every day until it mysteriously vanished. She reported the car missing six times to the police — the first time to the very station which, it later emerged, had taken the car.

In May, after she had given up ever finding it, she spotted a police car which looked remarkably similar. Miss Wong went to the police and refused to leave until they let her inspect the car. They refused, but two plain-clothes police called on her later.

The officers said they brought good news: the car was indeed hers. They said it had been mistakenly adopted by the police because it had been parked for several days with no identifying number plates. Miss Wong rejects this and claims that the car was not returned before June 4 because it was being used in the security crackdown in Peking. When police handed it back yesterday, its speedometer and mileometer were broken and the petrol tank empty.

Venice Expo battle rages on

From PAUL BOMPARD IN ROME

THE Italian Government decided yesterday not to withdraw the controversial candidacy of the city of Venice for Expo 2000.

In spite of an almost unanimous vote against the project by the European Parliament, and the outcry of international intellectuals and conservationists, Venice will remain one of the three candidates for the world fair to be held in the year 2000. The final decision will be taken by the Bureau International des Expositions in Paris on June 14. The other candidates are Hanover and Toronto.

The Italian Government's decision came in the face of widespread fears that an event attracting an estimated 30 million visitors would damage a city already afflicted by considerable social, structural and environmental problems.

The promoters of the project, chief among them Italy's Foreign Minister, Signor Gianni de Michelis — himself a Venetian — claim that Expo 2000 would be a unique chance to save Venice from decline. Construction projects for Expo 2000 will cost 1,700 billion lire (£850 million), a figure which could double if recent World Cup projects are any guide. The vice-president of the consortium which would undertake much of the work is the Foreign Minister's brother, Signor Cesare de Michelis.

Announcing the decision to Parliament yesterday, the Prime Minister, Signor Gioulo Andreotti, said the actual structures of the Expo would not be in the lagunal city, and, in any case, nothing would be done without the approval of Venice, the other municipalities and the Veneto region. He also said every step of the preparations would be taken with the advice of Parliament.

Yesterday, however, Signor Andreotti decided not to put the decision to a parliamentary vote, but to answer questions on it. He indicated that if Venice were selected, the Italian Government could still change its mind later.

Signor Giorgio Napolitano, a leader of the opposition Communist Party, accused the Foreign Minister of "not very clear political and private reasons" for making himself the promoter of the Venice Expo project.

Count Alvise Zorzi, the Venetian author who is president of a pool of 21 international private committees seeking to defend Venice from Expo 2000, commented: "The further on this project goes, the more the tension relaxes. They are counting on the wave of public opinion against the project being exhausted."

Pol Pot cleans up image with soap opera

From JAMES PRINGLE IN CAMBODIA

KHMER Rouge fighters are turning to soap operas to win support from inhabitants of poor and neglected villages in Cambodia.

Elsewhere, they distribute weapons or medicine and buy rice from the peasants at inflated prices in US dollars or gold — part of a velvet glove approach which Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the resistance leader, says is boosting rural support for the guerrillas who brought the killing fields to Cambodia. In Peking, some leaders of the Khmer Rouge, under whose rule up to one million Cambodians are said to have died between 1975 and 1978, dance the night away at discos in the Palace and Shangri-la hotels to the music of Madonna and Michael Jackson, according to non-communist Cambodians who accompany them there.

Aspiring Khmer Rouge diplomats and cadres and the privileged offspring of the close-knit leadership, which is bound together in a web of family ties, are attending courses in some of the West's best centres of learning, from Lyons in France to the Free University in West Berlin. Money is no object for the Khmer Rouge; Cambodian sources say Mr Ieng Sary, now sixth in the hierarchy, has millions of dollars to disburse from his base in Pinom Malai just inside Cambodia. The funds come from China, or the Khmer Rouge sale of gem mining rights around Pailin, the only town that they hold.

Journeys in areas of Cambodia captured by the non-communist resistance, which is allied to the Khmer Rouge, reveal that at least some Khmer Rouge guerrillas are not now the robot-like killers of the seventies.

In Thmar Pouk, an off-duty Khmer Rouge soldier wears a mauve T-shirt with a picture of Miss Universe on it, while the message on another says simply "Liverpool", apparently after the English football club. In Khmer Rouge sleeping quarters there are pin-ups of Khmer girls in revolutionary poses but framed against sunflowers; the only hint of ideology is a chalked sign in French that reads "Poverty is not a vice".

Pol Pot: Retains a dominant role among the guerrillas

The guerrillas, driven from power by the Vietnamese invasion of late 1978, are still capable of acts of prodigious military prowess. Recently Ta Mok, the one-legged Khmer Rouge military tactician who is third in the leadership and whose ruthless cruelty earned him the soubriquet of "The Butcher" among Cambodians, travelled deep into Cambodia in mid-May and is now leading troops in the central province of Kompong Thom.

And Pol Pot, the shadowy Khmer Rouge leader, aged 65, whose name became a byword for horror, is still the dominant military and political commander of the Khmer Rouge, based near Borai in the south-eastern Thai province of Trat, though his only official job is that of "researcher" in the Higher Institute for National Defence. There are unconfirmed reports from Cambodian and Thai sources that Pol Pot has been suffering from lung cancer, though the sources say they believe the disease was caught in time and responded well to treatment in Peking.

Sources in both Peking and along the Thai-Cambodian border say that Pol Pot has travelled frequently to Peking in the past year, sometimes with a female companion, a Cambodian in her early thirties, and a child. "Indisposed or not, Pol Pot is still functioning as overall commander," said a foreign source.

Prince Sihanouk said that the velvet glove approach, which includes showing sentimental Thai soap operas instead of the propaganda films of the past and by handing out generous amounts of dollars and gold, is helping the guerrilla cause. Many observers believe the Khmer Rouge has not, at heart, abandoned its fierce doctrines.

Most Cambodians still deeply distrust the Khmer Rouge, even though they do not regard the Phnom Penh regime as fulfilling their aspirations for a truly independent government.

Iran in reversal over Rushdie

By HAZHIR TEIMOURIAN

AYATOLLAH Ali Khamenei, Iran's current spiritual guide, yesterday demanded that Britain hand over Salman Rushdie to British Muslims "so that he can be killed for blasphemy against Islam". The reiteration of the *fatwa* comes two days after the Iranian Government sent conciliatory signals to London on the subject of bilateral relations.

The statement, issued by Ayatollah Khamenei, who inherited the mantle of spiritual guide last June following the death of Ayatollah Khomeini, automatically becomes government policy.

The call is a serious setback for the Government of President Rafsanjani, which has attempted to break with the policies of the past decade and had begun to engage in a fresh dialogue with the West to rescue the country from its severe economic problems.

The hardline demand appears to have been calculated to reverse the formal, conciliatory statement made on Saturday to *The Sunday Times* in Tehran by Sayed Hussein Musavian, a senior spokesman at the foreign ministry. He had said that Iran would no longer pursue Mr Rushdie if Britian "declared respect for Islam". Iran is now insisting that Mr Musavian never made such a suggestion and that he was misquoted.

Mrs Thatcher welcomed the initial statement, describing it as "a significant olive branch". She told a talk-in programme on the BBC World Service on Sunday that Britain had the deepest respect "for the great religion of Islam".

Yesterday's reversal does not surprise observers of Iranian politics. Mr Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, the first President of Iran after the Islamic revolution in 1979, said from his home in Paris that Ayatollah Khamenei was contradicting not only the Government, but also his own statement last year that if Mr Rushdie apologized, he would be forgiven.

"Islam has been known for 13 centuries," said Mr Bani-Sadr. "What kind of Islam is it that contradicts itself every few months? The rulers of Iran today are a group of corrupt people who use Islam to perpetuate their usurpation of power." He warned that President Rafsanjani was also incapable of putting his country's interest before those of his own and would rejoin the extremists if his position was threatened.

"Rafsanjani recently received a message from George Bush that he could expect no financial help from the West until he was in full charge of the Government in Tehran. This has frightened Khamenei, but it shows that the Americans still don't know Rafsanjani despite all their secret dealings with him.

"He is himself an abortionist of solutions to Iran's problems," Mr Bani-Sadr said.

French pupils tormented by 'I think, therefore I exam'

From SUSAN MACDONALD IN PARIS

MORE than half a million French schoolchildren, many stunned by fear or quivering with nerves, sit down at 7.45 am today to stare at the questions in the gruelling four-hour philosophy examination which starts off the dreaded baccalauréat examinations.

The fact that philosophy takes pride of place in this traditional be-all and end-all of French schooling says everything about the nation's approach to education — an approach which the present education minister, M Lionel Jospin, is determined to make more flexible.

Philosophy, teachers tell their pupils, represents the love of knowledge, and as such is an obligatory part of being fitted for life after school. Therefore, the 528,000 candidates, the largest entry ever, will tackle such meaning-of-life questions as "Is art but a game?" or "Is a coherence of thought enough to define truth?" — with answers to be founded on, and spattered with quotes from, the texts of Kant, Rousseau, Descartes, Plato, Sartre, Nietzsche and others, which have been drummed into them during this one and only year of philosophic study.

It appears to be a refined form of torture that a subject so wide-ranging and considered so important is taught only in the last year of school, when all the other teachers are busy shovelling in knowledge for their baccalauréat exams. The French baccalauréat is a school-leaving and university-entrance exam all rolled into one. Every student who passes is automatically entitled to a place in a French university.

It is the zenith of a pupil's career, looming ever closer as the pressures build almost to breaking point during the last three years of school. Each pupil reaching "bac" standard — and very few will feel they have this morning — is obliged to take between eight and 10 subjects, among them "musts" such as philosophy, mathematics, French and sport.

Based on Napoleon's imperial decree of 1808, the "bac" must be passed as a whole, and retaken completely the following year if failed. Whether by application or greater intelligence, a higher proportion of girls than boys pass. The number of pupils sitting this mammoth test is growing yearly. The Education Ministry is pressing to turn out better qualified students to counteract the high unemployment figures among young people in France, but this places enormous strains on the senior school system.

Not only students but also teachers — and it must be said parents — are thrown into disarray by the "bac". More than 50,000 teachers nationally are mobilized to organize, oversee and correct the exams. With no teachers available for normal teaching, the lower *lycée* forms finish next week, three weeks before term ends.

The security surrounding the setting of exam questions and the prevention of cheating would impress many a secret service agent. An inquiry after the 1987 ordeal showed that only 100 pupils out of 400,000 had somehow succeeded in cheating.

The island of Corsica pulled off an unprecedented coup last year by getting hold of the questions ahead of time, but the punishment inflicted will undoubtedly serve as a deterrent for all time — students there had to sit all their exams twice.

M Jospin will next year turn his attention to the highly-emotive subject of making the "bac" fit the times. A greater flexibility would ideally end the elitism that exists in certain "bac" specialities, but no one envies him his task.

Many a good education minister has found himself out of a job through tampering with the system.

Soviet Union to establish full ties with South Korea

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN SAN FRANCISCO

THE Soviet Union and South Korea have agreed in principle to establish full diplomatic relations, after an 86-year gap, and to significantly expand economic, scientific and technological links.

This significant step forward was agreed at a historic meeting in San Francisco on Monday evening between President Gorbachov and President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea, which was the first time that leaders of the two nations had met.

Mr Roh said afterwards that he was confident the new accord between Seoul and Moscow would ultimately lead to the reunification of Korea, now "the only nation on earth that is still divided by Cold War politics". That in turn would promote "peace and prosperity throughout north-east Asia".

As a result of the two leaders' "epoch-making" meeting, "the Cold War ice on the Korean peninsular has now begun to crack", said Mr Roh. Korea was divided in 1948 into the communist North and pro-Western South. Around 42,000 US troops are still based in South Korea, facing a powerful, Soviet-backed North Korean army across the demilitarized zone that runs across the 38th Parallel.

The Soviet view of the meeting was more guarded perhaps, prompted by the recognition that Moscow's degree of influence over the Pyongyang regime has always been open to question in the competition with Peking and never more than now with the rapid changes in Moscow.

North Korea remains as one of the world's last hardline communist states. Mr Roh said that he had urged Mr Gorbachov to support South Korea's efforts to begin a dialogue with North Korea, and that Seoul was also planning to develop trade and relations with North Korea's other traditional ally, China.

The ultimate object was to force North Korea to open up. "The road between Seoul and Pyongyang is now totally blocked. Accordingly we have to choose an alternative route to the North Korean capital by way of Moscow and Peking.

"I am confident that since it is now plagued by internal and external difficulties, North Korea will before long abandon its isolationist policy in favour of openness and reform," said Mr Roh.

Mr Gorbachov's decision reflects not only his desire to end cold war divisions, but also the Soviet need for foreign trade and investment.

South Korea has, through phenomenal growth, become a major economic power in the region, and is particularly strong in fields of technology which the Soviet Union needs for the development of natural resources in Siberia.

The first tentative sign of rapprochement with Moscow was Soviet participation in the Seoul Olympic Games in September, 1988. With a significant military presence in South Korea, the US has a keen interest in the future security of the Korean peninsular and is thought to have played a crucial role in bringing about Monday's meeting.

Mr Roh flew to Washington yesterday to brief President Bush on the results of his talks. He also hinted at possible visits by Mr Gorbachov and himself to each other's capitals.

● KIEL: Two ships from the Soviet Union's Baltic Fleet docked here yesterday, in the first visit by the Soviet Navy to West Germany.

The port call by the destroyer Bistry and frigate Neukrotny, which were greeted by a 21-gun salute, was aimed at improving relations between the Soviet and West German navies, said Rear Admiral Viktor Litvinov, commander of the 650-sailor detachment.

The West German Navy paid its first visit to the Soviet Union last October in Leningrad.

The environmental organization Greenpeace said that it had been assured by the Soviet naval attaché in Bonn, Mr Anatoly Solotaryev, that the ships were not carrying nuclear weapons.

The ships are normally fitted with nuclear cruise missiles and torpedoes, Greenpeace said.

During the port call Soviet sailors will visit residents of Kiel at their homes. There will also be public tours of the two ships, and a joint concert by members of the Soviet and West German sailors' choirs. *(AP)*

Fond farewell: Mr Gorbachov, with his wife Raisa, leaving San Francisco for home

European forum refuses observer seat for Vilnius

From CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

A REQUEST by Lithuania for observer status at the Copenhagen conference on "the human dimension" was rejected yesterday by Denmark, the host nation for the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe meeting on human rights being attended by delegates from 35 European nations, the US, Canada and the Soviet Union.

President Vytautas Landsbergis of Lithuania had formally sought observer status for Mr Virgilijus Cepaitis, a leading member of the Lithuanian parliament in Vilnius, who was informed during a meeting at the Danish Foreign Ministry that Denmark was not prepared to raise the issue before the conference plenum, on the ground that there was no consensus among CSCE foreign ministers on the issue.

"There would have to be consensus at the meeting that Lithuania was a separate European state before it could gain observer status. No such consensus exists, so we are powerless to help the Lithuanians," a Danish Foreign Ministry official said.

Mr Cepaitis, who was first elected to the Lithuanian parliament in the country's free elections in February, was formerly general secretary of the Lithuanian Sajudis reform movement. Now, he is chairman of the Lithuanian parliamentary standing committee on citizens' rights and ethnic affairs.

"The Danish attitude is unrealistic," said Mr Cepaitis, who has been granted only guest status at the CSCE meeting, and is not allowed to attend conference sessions. "It seems odd that Albania, with its history of human rights violations, has been granted observer status at the CSCE meeting, whereas Lithuania with its democratically elected parliament is banned."

Undeterred by their exclusion from the main conference, Lithuania is participating in parallel events. It has been canvassing all delegations to air its three demands: *de facto* recognition as an independent state; a lifting of the Soviet economic blockade; and the placing of the whole Baltic question on the agenda of the forthcoming CSCE summit in Paris.

KGB defector lists contacts in EC and Nato

From MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

AN OFFICIAL of the KGB who defected from Brussels to the United States has told Belgian investigators that he maintained links with an official in the European Commission — as well as a Western ambassador here, three Belgian journalists, a top civil servant in the Belgian Defence Ministry and a close associate of the Interior Minister.

His claim was partially substantiated yesterday by a European Commission spokesman, who said a Commission official had had contacts with the defecting KGB officer, but refused to give details.

News of the defection, reported in a leading Belgian paper, came a day after the head of the Belgian State Security Service resigned after accusations by the Interior Minister and by a parliamentary committee that the service was of no use, and should be abolished.

The report, in *La Libre Belgique*, said a senior KGB official defected some weeks ago to the US Embassy here and was whisked away to the US. The Belgians were furious that the Americans did not tell the authorities here, or give them a chance to question the man, and demanded access to him in America.

The paper said the officer, whom it did not name, had since been questioned by the Belgian Army in the US, and had revealed to them his contacts in Brussels, said to be the third most important KGB station after Washington and London.

The paper said the Russian's contact in the Commission was close to M Jacques Delors, the Commission president, and worked in the section negotiating relations between the EC and Eastern Europe.

This was denied by the Commission spokesman. But he would not say whether the contacts were authorized, or outside normal working relations between the EC and the Russians. The EC official, who volunteered the information of his contacts, is apparently still at his job.

The paper also said that the Western ambassador concerned was accredited either to the EC or Nato. Last week, the Luxembourg Government partially cleared the name of Mr Guy de Muyser, its Ambassador to Nato, who resigned after being denied security clearance following the breaking of Nato security rules. Although he remains Luxembourg's Ambassador to Belgium, he has not been reinstated in Nato.

The report appears to be closely linked to the turmoil in the Belgian State Security Service. Mr Louis Tobback, the Interior Minister, recently called the agency useless, and said it had never given him any information of any importance. He called for its disbandment.

Mr Albert Raes, the head of the service since 1977, announced his resignation in a letter to the Justice Minister on Monday, saying that it was in the public interest, in view of the lack of confidence in the service. A parliamentary commission sharply criticized the service for its handling of investigations into a number of unsolved and apparently motiveless killings in the 1980s, many of them in supermarkets.

Yesterday, Mr Wilfried Martens, the Prime Minister, responded in Parliament to the Commission report. He announced the suspension of the State Security Service official responsible for countering terrorism, as well as broad-ranging reforms in the police and security services, with greater emphasis on proper civil control.

Mr Martens promised a full review of police responsibilities, centralization of records and forensic evidence, better co-ordination between local police forces and the setting up of a parliamentary commission for the police. The functions of the State Security Service will be defined by law.

The Prime Minister's statement comes at a time of mounting public alarm over the poor standards of policing in Belgium, and the suspension of the head of the Brussels detective squad after charges of fraud and corruption. Yesterday's news of the KGB defection, which the US Embassy would not comment upon, appears designed to justify the continuing need for the security service.

Alliance role for Army is rejected

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR East German official said in London yesterday that his country's National People's Army would never be part of the Nato military structure.

Herr Frank Maczinek, the Deputy Disarmament and Defence Minister, also gave a warning that it would be "unimaginable" for a reunified Germany to be in Nato if the Western alliance were the same military organization in 1991 as now.

Herr Maczinek, who had talks yesterday with Mr Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, and Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said that Nato must become a political organization. His country intended to play an active part also in changing the Warsaw Pact into a political body. A package of proposals would be presented by East Germany to the Warsaw Pact summit tomorrow, he said.

He added: "We're also going to withdraw gradually, and I emphasize gradually, step-by-step, from the Warsaw treaty."

Herr Maczinek underlined the view of his Government that the Soviet Union would need four or five years to remove all its troops from East Germany, " because there are about one million people involved. That is 380,000 troops and their families".

Election circus rolls in to Sofia

From ROGER BOYES IN SOFIA

MR ROBERT Maxwell, Miss Samantha Fox and the immaculately preserved mummy of the Marxist revolutionary Georgi Dimitrov are all playing their part in the election circus in Bulgaria, as the country prepares for its first free ballot for more than 50 years.

Mr Maxwell, the British publisher, flew to Sofia yesterday to attend a gala pop concert, and posters announcing his presence already outnumber election flysheets on the streets of the capital. But although employees of Mr Maxwell have been offering advice to the opposition Union of Democratic Forces, it is the Bulgarian Socialist Party — successor to the Communists — which is linking itself firmly with the concert in an attempt to secure the youth vote.

Various pop stars have been trooping through Bulgaria, both for the concert and other events. Miss Fox, the pin-up-cum-singer, appearing in Varna, unwittingly wished good luck to the Socialists, which in the terms of this election, is regarded as a triumph. The Socialist papers have also been quoting members of the Boney M pop group, who were scheduled to appear at the concert sponsored by Mr Maxwell.

Mr Maxwell, despite meetings with the (former Communist) President Mladenov and Mr Andrei Lukanov, the (former Communist) Prime Minister, is staying firmly neutral. It is thought unlikely that he will visit the former leader, Mr Todor Zhivkov, subject of a Pergamon Press biography. Mr Zhivkov is in a prison hospital awaiting trial on charges of corruption and abuse of power.

The most bizarre argument in the election campaign so far must be over the future of Georgi Dimitrov, Bulgaria's Lenin. Like Lenin, Dimitrov was embalmed after his death in 1949 and placed in a mausoleum.

For decades the mummy has been the focus of pilgrimage for schoolchildren, who were reverently ushered past the moustachioed revolutionary. Although he was Moscow's choice as Bulgaria's post-war Communist leader, he was regarded mainly as a national hero. His testimony at the 1933 Reichstag trial gave him the impeccable anti-fascist credentials that all Bulgarians craved.

Now all this is under question and the eventual victor of the election will have to decide whether the corpse is removed and quietly buried — his adopted son has given approval for this solution — or whether he should stay in the mausoleum in the specially regulated West German refrigeration chamber.

The Bulgarian writer, Dimiter Koroudjiev, is one of the leading supporters for a Dimitrov burial. He said: "History will reject Georgi Dimitrov because he belonged to Stalin's tightest criminal circle."

But Colonel Milcho Georgiev, who has responsibilty for looking after the mummy, has now launched an impassioned defence of the revolutionary.

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Banishing Gobbledygook

EAST BERLIN NOTEBOOK by Anne McElvoy

Volksarmee garb sets the trend

If anyone ever really doubted that money makes the world go round, let them take a stroll around Berlin in these heady days before the currency union arrives to transform the tottering Ostmark into the desirable Deutschmark. Despite being immune to most unusual sights by now, that of a table of Volksarmee officers in full uniform still turns heads in the trendier bars of West Berlin.

These are not the real variety, who are more likely to be sobbing into their beer on the other side, but West Berliners, for whom East German militarabilia is now the latest fashion fad, encouraged by the enthusiasm of the East to get rid of the incriminating stuff. At Checkpoint Charlie, disillusioned soldiers are selling off their uniforms before they go to ask the *Bundeswehr* for a job. A well-preserved officer's jacket, with epaulets and pips intact, fetches DM300 (£100). Also in demand are the medals that the communists traditionally awarded themselves. The Star of People's Friendship in silver is the *de rigeur* embellishment to have dangling in your *décolletage*. One helpful dealer assures me that he could get one in gold at triple the price.

Even the certificate awarded to the People's Own Tinned Fruit Factory, for working voluntary hours, is now hanging on the wall of someone's flat, sold for a fiver. No one, however, has yet got hold of what used to be the highest East German honour, the Order of Marx. Examples of recipients who might be open to offers: the top spy, Herr Günter Guillaume, who is living on a greatly reduced Stasi pension; his employer, Herr Markus Wolf, desperately trying to re-establish his democratic credentials; and the Big Daddy of them all, Herr Erich Mielke, the former Minister of State Security, now senile and in hiding.

According to his doctor son, he "understands the significance of very little these days".

Lest they be accused of not looking after their own, the Party of Democratic Socialism, risen from the ashes of the old communist party, is busy selling off some rather nice properties to the former élite, who were given them as a reward for their sterling work. To the anger of less fortunate residents, however, their current inhabitants are being given first chance to buy at knockdown prices before the introduction of hard currency and a property market in July.

Herr Egon Krenz, the former leader, who belatedly insisted that he had never much liked living in the exclusive government compound of Wandlitz anyway, has retired to the pleasant suburb of Pankow, where he lives in apple-blossomed splendour next to Herr Willi Stoph, the former Prime Minister, and the son of Frau Hilde Benjamin, the infamous hanging judge of the Ulbricht years. Frau Lotte Ulbricht, the hardline former leader's widow, lives just down the road, which must make for some amiable trips down memory lane.

Herr Krenz modestly describes the five-bedroomed villa he bought for DM250,000 as "nothing special", adding that the area is populated by "those who have done a service for our country". Hundreds of enraged Pankow residents, who marched on the house in protest at the beginning of the week, disagree. They are even more disgruntled to discover that 17 houses are now inhabited by former Stasi officers for a mere DM130 a month.

Herr Jens Reich, the prominent pro-reform campaigner, whose New Forum movement last year could truly be described as having done a service for the country, lives, as before, in a modest flat around the corner and is disgruntled to find his local supermarket overrun by his former enemies. "Pankow is now the North Palermo of East Berlin," he says, "with the same old mafia just a smaller family."

Joint ventures are the latest buzzwords among the emerging business class of East Germany anxious to lure Western capital. But Herr Gregor Gysi, the lively reformist communist, is mischievously feeding the rumours of West German firms about to decimate their partners.

He is regaling crowds with the story of the hen who suggests a farmyard joint venture with a pig — Ham and Eggs Ltd. "What," says the dismayed pig, "you just have to lay the eggs and I get slaughtered?" "Yep," says the hen, "that's the way it is with joint ventures."

Pity the bankers of West Germany, not renowned for their lack of ostentation. The Dresdner Bank, anxious to create a modest image, has instructed its representatives to leave the company Mercedes at home and go by Volkswagen. Tailored suits are also out — smart casuals are thought less overpowering when dealing with the country cousins of the former Russian zone.

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Communists lie low and let others make mistakes in Prague

From Richard Bassett in Prague

OF PRAGUE's many museums now echoing to the noise of a new generation of Western tourists one, in the heart of the city, enjoys a tomb-like silence. The Klement Gottwald museum of communism, for nearly 40 years a shrine of Czechoslovak Stalinist ideology, is still open but its 20ft wrought-iron gates must now be unlocked before anyone can buy a ticket.

Next month, the museum will be dismantled. But its contents (red flags, souvenirs of communist resistance to the Nazis) will not be destroyed. Six months after the revolution, the Czechs are still taking no chances. Each item will be labelled and filed away. The ephemera of "bourgeois capitalist exploitation" will be somewhere preserved, a deputy curator diffidently explained, "just in case there is future demand". With characteristic Czechoslovak irony, the building, with its frescos extolling labour, will become a bank. The palace, whose lavish staircases once resounded to communist oaths as Czechoslovak officers were sworn in, will now enjoy the music of computerized finance.

But if the Gottwald museum can be dismantled in a matter of weeks, Czechoslovakia's once all-powerful communist party is showing signs of remarkably stubborn resistance. It has carefully avoided head-on conflict with the new rulers. Keeping a low profile, it has regrouped, reorganized, but above all, sat back and watched while the Civil Forum, the Christian Democrats and new Socialist parties made mistakes.

In a televised debate on Monday night, representatives of all parties campaigning in the forthcoming elections mesmerized a television audience for hours debating the minutiae of economic reform. But while a Slovak Christian Democrat angered the Civil Forum technocrat by demanding that investment capital be Slovak rather than just Czech, the communist politician stayed silent, his lips betraying just the suspicion of a smile. It was an indication of how silence and discretion can be weapons for the soul of the Czech people.

The communists, though humiliated and weakened, remain remarkably powerful in an understated way. They are the only party with wealth and a hierarchy of followers with a vested interest in preserving their privileges.

The failure to purge these poeple is one of only many errors Civil Formun has made over the past six months. Whichever way this *nomenklatura* votes, its loyalty ultimately lies with the party which created it.

The communists also clearly still control the police. The Interior Minister is a former communist. Rather than purge the security system thoroughly, Civil Forum has been happy to allow it to concentrate on traffic control. This tactical error has been a gift to the communists, who have not been slow in creating a sense of unease in Prague.

Saturday's bomb explosion in the Old Town Square, which injured a dozen people, only underlined the prevailing impression among many people, that, for all its faults, Prague was a safer place under the communists than under the Civil Forum.

The gypsies who terrorized, with impunity, foreigners walking across Wenceslas Square, have been replaced by skinheads and punk rockers, who behave as they please while the police stand aside.

The communists are resigned to doing badly at the elections, but they take the long-term view that the real test for the fate of Czechoslovakia will be elections in two years. "These elections are not the beginning but the end of a period. What happens in two years will be more decisive," a senior communist party member said yesterday.

The communists hope to exploit Civil Forum's failure to come up with any coherent financial programme. The Forum's "middle" or "third" way appears to stifle all individual initiative by preserving punitive taxation, while allowing foreign organizations to penetrate the domestic economy with concessions. This, inevitably, is annoying many citizens who, for years, have longed for market forces.

Last night, the communist party was expected to hold its first rally in Prague since the revolution. Its leader, Mr Vasil Mohoreta, chose the CKD tram factory as the venue. Here six months ago, the tram drivers had booed and heckled the despised Prague party chief, Miroslav Stepan. Thanks to Civil Forum's political ineptitude, it seemed likely yesterday that Mr Mohoreta could expect a less critical reception.

Religion vies with politics in Slovakia election battle

From Peter Green in Bratislava

AS CZECHOSLOVAKIA prepares to elect new national and federal parliaments next weekend, in Slovakia the campaign has become a battle between the Christian Democrat Movement and the Public Against Violence, the Slovak sister group of Civil Forum, the pro-democracy coalition that led last November's Velvet Revolution in Prague.

PAV is calling for a broad coalition from dissidents and 1968-era reform communists to top officials of the former neo-Stalinist regime who have come round to the right side.

With 15 parties running in Slovakia, neither group appears headed for a majority. According to a poll published in Prague newspapers yesterday, PAV was leading in Slovakia with 25 per cent of the vote, the Christian Democrats in second with 24 per cent and the communists in thrid place with 9 per cent. At least 14 per cent of Slovaks were still undecided.

Observers say that as the elections near, the requirement that a party must win at least 5 per cent of the vote to be represented in parliament will push voters to cast their ballots for the leading parties, and they expect many of these votes will go to PAV, the broadest coalition.

Both Civil Forum and PAV have angled their campaigns against the Communist Party and have included Slovak nationalist planks in their platform. Part of the rising Slovak nationalist sentiment is represented at its most extreme by the separatist Slovak National Party.

While PAV favours liberal, secular reforms, like Civil Forum in the Czech Lands, and political plurality, it remains firmly committed to the federal structure.

The strengthening of the national identity of the long-oppressed Slovak nation was important, said PAV's leader, Mr Roman Zelenay, but it should not divide Czechs and Slovaks.

"We want to adopt the relationship of two equal brothers, but it will be difficult for the older brother to get used to this model," he said.

Mr Zelenay, a religious man who helped found the Christian Democratic Movement in the early days of the revolution, said he would rather be on the right of PAV than the left of the Christian Democrats, but insisted that PAV would prefer to govern with the Christian Democrats, and represent all the people.

Christian Democracy is a more authentically Slovak voice, rooted in the 1,000-year-old traditions of this deeply Catholic half of the country. With Czechoslvakia's intellectual life centred in Prague, the Slovak dissident movement was largely church-based, and under centuries of Hungarian domination, the dream of Slovak nationhood became intertwined with the Church.

Sitting in the garden of his Bratislava home, Mr Ivan Carnogursky, the chairman of the Christian Democratic Movement discussed the elections.He called for state funding for church-based primary schools, religious education, stronger family-supporting social services and the outlawing of abortion.

"We feel if we are running on Christian Democrat ideals we have to carry them out with all their consequences. Even if women are going to vote aginst us, because of abortion, for instance, there is not much we can do about it," he said.

His party remains both staunchly anti-communist and strongly in favour of strengthening Slovakia's sovereignty.

"PAV accepts former communists and they have almost actually put them at the head of the party, and also in the PAV leadership... We say we don't want to have anything in common with communists, whether they are red or pink or any other colour."

Mr Carnogursky attacked PAV for retaining the "second- or third-rate yes-men", installed by the communists at the levers of economic and administrative power. "In the six months since the revolution there have been few changes," he said.

"We'd like to see two seperate economies, an independent Slovak economy and an independent Czech economy."

Mr Johnston, a Briton, being escorted from a west Beirut police station yesterday after being held for robbery

Briton held after Beirut robbery

From a Correspondent in West Beirut

IN A country where the few remaining foreigners stuggle to keep a low profile fearful of abduction by Muslim fundamentalists, a British man was accused yesterday of drawing a gun in broad daylight in Muslim west Beirut and robbing a money-changer. He was arrested by the Lebanese police, another rare practice by Lebanon's decaying law-enforcement agency.

A police spokesman said that Allistair Johnston, aged 20, later indicated they would hand him over to the British embassy after questioning. The spokesman said a man had pointed a gun at a money-changer in the crowded shopping district of Hamrah and snatched $1,000 (£595) before running away. A Lebanese police patrol captured him.

The embassy in Beirut said that Mr Johnston would be deported to England as soon as possible. They said he was believed to have arrived in Lebanon illegally some months ago through the Christian port of Junieh, 12 miles north of Beirut. An embassy source said Mr Johnston had worked as a disc jockey in an east Beirut radio station before the inter-Christian war erupted there on January 31.

The source said that Mr Johnston, in need of money, had sold his British passport and told the embassy he had lost it. He had been issued another travel document, but both were cancelled when it was suspected that he had sold the second, too.

Muslim fundamenatlists have been detaining for many months four Britons, six Americans and two West Germans south of the city.

Mercury poison threat to Brazil

From Louis Byrne in Rio de Janeiro

ALMOST two million Brazilians living in Amazonia could suffer mercury contamination within the next five to 10 years, according to studies being carried out by scientists at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. The indiscriminate use of mercury by the region's gold miners is poisoning rivers and affecting air quality up to several hundred miles from where they work.

Many gold miners and communities living near mining operations have already been affected without their contamination being diagnosed. The symptoms of mercury poisoning are similar to those of malaria which miners, in particular, can catch several times a year.

Studies carried out on fish in the River Madeira in the southern Amazonian state of Rondonia show levels of contamination up to six times higher than the maximum recommended as permissible by the World Health Organization.

Indians living in southern and central Amazonia have also already been affected. Studies of samples of their hair show concentrations of mercury more that four times higher than in hair samples of people living in Rio de Janeiro. The first results of tests on the hair of Yanomami Indians in the north-western Amazonian state of Roraima, however, do not reveal signs of contamination; 150 samples were taken from Indians in villages at different distances from the region's illegal gold-mining operations.

"We believe the Indians have not yet been contaminated because they do not work directly with the miners," Dr Wolfgang Pfeiffer, who is leading the long-term study at the Institute of Biophysics at Rio's Federal University, said.

Mercury is used by Brazil's miners to separate gold collected from the river bed. It is then burnt off the gold, releasing a poisonous vapour into the atmosphere. Last year former President José Sarney banned the use of mercury in gold mines, but was unable to enforce the law. The logistics of Brazil's vast Amazon region, where more than a million men work in often small clandestine mines, means mercury is widely used.

Both scientists and ecologists accept that it will probably be impossible completely to stop the use of mercury. Experts believe almost 200 tonnes of mercury, or between 2 and 11 per cent of the total in the atmosphere worldwide, has come from Brazil.

Cheque in ghostly comeback

From Harry Debelius in Madrid

SHADES of the past pun Spain's best-known ghost-watcher behind bars briefly here yesterday.

Señora Carmen Sánchez de Castro, aged 52, who rose to fame a week ago after recording what she claimed were ghostly voices of incestuous aristocrats in a long-closed Madrid palace, was arrested on a charge pending from 1981, relating to a bad cheque.

At the same time, a shadow of doubt was cast on her qualifications after reporters learned that Señora Sánchez, who claimed to be a doctor in psychology and psychiatry, was not a member of the local medical association.

In a controversial 18-month investigation at first commissioned and later cancelled by the Madrid town hall, Señora Sánchez claimed to have recorded eerie whispers and laments at the palace and to have taken photographs of wierd lights and ectoplasm.

A photographer from the official news agency Efe, who accompanied her, photographed mysterious shadows in the palace.

The taped ghostly noises sent shivers down the spines of countless Spaniards when broadcast on several radio news shows.

US Navy stands by off Liberia

From Reuter in Monrovia

AMERICAN naval ships stood off the Liberian coast yesterday to evacuate Americans, but gunfire which closed the airport turned out to be army troops firing at each other and not a rebel attack.

Six ships carrying 2,000 marines sailed close to the coast of the West African country over the weekend. They were ordered into international waters off Liberia last week.

Liberian officials said they wanted the Marines to help defend the capital, Monrovia, from a rebel force which is within 30 miles of the city. The rebels, led by a dissident businessman, Mr Charles Taylor, are trying to overthrow President Doe.

Washington has said the taskforce has been sent to evacuate about 1,100 Americans still in Liberia if they are threatened by the fighting in Monrovia. But diplomats said the United States appeared to be playing a role in seeking a negotiated settlement.

Government sources and diplomats said that President Doe would probably have to leave the country under any settlement.

Hundreds of women and children of Mr Doe's Krahn tribe poured into a tiny local airport, hoping to fly to Guinea or parts of Liberia still under government control. The Krahn fear reprisals by Gio and Mano tribesmen backing Mr Taylor in what has become largely a tribal war with hundreds of civilians killed by both sides.

All international airlines cancelled flights to Liberia on Monday after fighting broke out on Owensgrove, a town 10 miles from the main airport. However, diplomats said that two groups of soldiers, one guarding a checkpoint and the other bringing wounded soldiers from the country's second port, Buchanan, began firing on each other with rocket-propelled grenades and other weapons. There were no reports of government casualties but both groups of soldiers fled and rebels later moved through the town.

The rebels advanced further on Monday night, moving into the Firestone Plantations Company rubber plantation, the biggest enterprise still under government control.

Mr Taylor, a former official who fled Liberia in 1983 after he was accused of embezzling $900,000, led an invasion force of about 150 rebels into Liberia from neighbouring Ivory Coast six months ago. He now claims to have thousands of guerrillas poised to strike at Monrovia.

Malibu affluent vote on effluent

From Martin Fletcher in San Francisco

IT IS 27 sun-drenched mil long and one wide. It is t exclusive Pacific coast retre of the very rich and ve famous. By the time you rea this, Malibu Beach may al have unilaterally declared i independence from Los A geles and be establishing hom rule.

As the rest of Californ voted yesterday in the Dem cratic gubernatorial primarie the likes of stars such as Oliv Newton-John, Larry Hagma and Ali McGraw held the own separate vote on an iss which had its origins in unseemly dispute about the effluent.

Although the cheape Malibu Beach home costs we over $1 million (£590,00 the Los Angeles authoriti contended in 1986 that ma of them had old and leaki septic tanks which we polluting the celebrated se shore.

They proposed the install tion of an $86 million mai sewerage system, which wou have cost the average hom owner $32,000 in assessmen Later they scaled their pla down to a $43 million syste but Malibu's 20,000 resider were still appalled.

It was not the cost that upset them but the fact tha mains sewerage sytem wou lead to wholesale develo ment of their little Eden. "W are trying to keep a few plac left where you don't inh gasoline fumes all the tim This could become a Con Island or an Atlantic Cit protested the actor Burg Meredith – Penguin in *B man* films – referring to t US equivalents of Blackpo or Clacton.

The dispute fanned Malibu Beach both a simm ing resentment of "far-awa rule from Los Angeles a fears of being swamped California's ever-swelli population, up by nea seven million since the la decade. This led to yesterday vote which was generally e pected to endorse indepe dence.

Amid the stars, some pla "ordinary" folks also live Malibu, however, and the was a substantial body opposition.

Though the stars general endorsed cityhood, none we among the 30 candidates ru ning for five seats on Malibu putative new city coun yesterday.

There were also serio doubts that a community bu around surf and sand cou sustain the will to raise re enue, run a police force and yes – deal with its ow effluent.

More boat people go back home

Hong Kong – A group of 129 Vietnamese boat people flew back to Vietnam yesterday, bringing the total number of voluntary returnees to 2,590, a spokesman for the Hong Kong Government said. The group is the 23rd to return under the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees voluntary repatriation programme, which began in March last year.

Hong Kong camps and detention centres hold more than 55,000 Vietnamese, of which more than 10,000 have been classified as economic migrants and eligible only for repatriation. The Hong Kong Government hopes the number of people returning to Vietnam will double to 1,000 a month in July when reception facilities in Hanoi are expanded. *(Reuter)*

Holiday express in collision

Delhi – A freight train and a Bombay-bound express crowded with holidaymakers collided head-on on Monday night in southern India, killing at least 11 people and injuring 63 others. Survivors said that most passengers were asleep and those in upper berths were hurled to the floor when the two trains collided.

Nine cars on the passenger train were derailed, including two coaches left standing on end. The express was made up of 13 cars, an indication that it was carrying about 950 passengers. Rescuers searched the wreckage throughout the night for survivors. *(AP)*

Couple double up lottery win

Sydney – Mrs Michelle Kenny, a Sydney secretary and her husband won a £44,000 lottery for the second time in three weeks.

The couple, who used the first win to pay off their mortgage, bought five more lottery tickets when collecting their winnings. "I've never really been a lucky person," said Mrs Kenny. *(Reuter)*

De Klerk faces Durban defeat

From Reuter in Durban

PRESIDENT F.W. de Klerk faces white South African voters today for the first time since he introduced reforms aimed at black power-sharing. Political analysts say the right-wing Conservative Party could win the suburban Durban constituency of Umlazi from Mr de Klerk's National Party in a whites-only parliamentary by-election.

Mr de Klerk's ruling margin in parliament is unassailable – 102 seats in the 178-seat house – but the Umlazi result will be the first reliable indication of white feelings about his plans for a non-racial, democratic South Africa.

The campaign in mainly blue-collar Umlazi, on a hill overlooking Durban, has ignored local issues to focus on the national debate: the scrapping of apartheid laws and the enfranchising of blacks who outnumber whites by five-to-one. The pro-apartheid Conservatives play on white fears of black rulers, blacks moving in next door, black children in white schools and and "black communism" overwhelming "Western values".

Umlazi is the biggest Nationalist stronghold in Natal. Even if the Conservatives come a respectable second – they trailed the Nationalists and the liberal Democratic Party in last September's general election – it will send a frisson of fright through the De Klerk camp.

Some government officials concede Mr de Klerk may have moved too fast for many whites. Since February he has legalized most black political activity, freed Mr Nelson Mandela, begun exploratory talks with the ANC and begun dismantling the intricate framework of apartheid laws.

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Squeezing the centre

Martin Jacques

The SDP decision to wind itself up was made with a degree of dignity and decorum. Because of entrenched interests and deeply-rooted habits, no institution finds its easy to sign its own death warrant. Political parties are no exception.

Old parties, when they lose their point, do not die but simply fade away. Of course, the SDP was at most only nine years old, and arguably a mere two. Such a short history is more easily foreclosed than a long one, especially since, in its final incarnation, the party had become so palpably a personal vehicle for its leader. One can have a little sympathy for Dr Owen's internal critics who viewed with some contempt his dalliance with Labour while the party was on its sickbed.

It is Owen's preoccupation with the Labour Party which has set the parameters of much of the debate about what the death of the SDP is likely to mean. The assumption is that Labour will be the inevitable and natural beneficiary. Yet this seems rather unlikely, for two main reasons. First, while Owen is preoccupied with the Labour Party, he is not representative of the majority of the SDP or its voters. From the outset, almost two-thirds of the membership were political virgins, drawn from outside the world of political parties. The refugees from the Labour Party were always in a minority. In that sense, Rosie Barnes is more typical of the SDP than John Cartwright.

Secondly, ever since Owen's blinkered and foolhardy decision to oppose merger with the Liberals and go it alone, the centre ground has been confused by the existence of two parties. The matter has now been clarified. The Liberal Democrats have the field to themselves, and will therefore be the more likely beneficiary of the SDP's demise.

Much political interest has focused recently on Labour's ability to win the centre ground. After an era that saw an enormous haemorrhage of Labour's support to the centre, that is understandable. But it is easy to over-estimate the likely movement in the opposite direction. Certainly the heady days of the last two elections are over. It is very difficult to imagine the Liberal Democrats getting anywhere near the 26 per cent that the Alliance polled in the 1983 general election or even its 22.6 per cent in 1987.But it is also difficult to believe that their present opinion-poll rating accurately reflects what they will achieve at the next general election.

In the local elections last month the Liberal Democrats polled some about 18 per cent of the total vote. At the general election, they could well get somewhere in the region of 15-20 per cent, which would be better than the Liberals achieved in 1979, and roughly on a par with their performance in 1974, which was their post-war high-water mark. If we add to this the votes for the Greens and the Scottish and Welsh nationalists, the total vote for third parties will remain substantial, amounting to around 25 per cent.

The continuing strength of the centre vote should not be a source of surprise. In their study of the 1983 election, *How Britain Votes*, Anthony Heath, Roger Jowell and John Curtice argued that the Alliance was slowly carving out for itself a distinctive social profile. Its 22.6 per cent support in the 1987 election broadly confirmed this.

That support was far from being simply a protest vote. Those who voted for the Alliance were fairly representative of the electorate as a whole, but the core group was drawn from the salariat, particularly teachers, social workers and technical experts such as systems analysts and computer programmers. Here, the Alliance came a comfortable second behind the Conservatives, and well ahead of Labour.

Clearly, the appeal of the Liberal Democrats to these groups will not be as strong as that of the Alliance. But the Liberal Democrats remain a rather more serious and better-stocked party than were the pre-Alliance Liberals. What is more, there is now something of a tradition to draw upon, especially in the south where these groups are most numerous and where the Liberal Democrats will inherit second place behind the Tories in many constituencies.

Part of the Labour Party's problem has for long been linked to structural change – the decline in its traditional constituency and the growth of the new middle classes. It has done best when its support has been cross-class, as in 1945, and worst when dependent on its working-class base, as in 1983. But the problem has slowly become more acute with with change in the class structure. And the slow growth of the centre since the 1960s, culminating in the sizeable Alliance vote of the mid-1980s, has greatly exacerbated it.

At the next election, for the first time, the salariat will be larger than the working class, and the biggest single social category. Even if Labour appeals as strongly as it has ever done to its traditional working-class base, and to foremen, technicians and routine non-manual workers, without salariat support, it can poll only 35 per cent. The salariat has become decisive, both numerically and also in setting the tone of politics. Labour can win only if it does well among them, but the Liberal Democrats will be a powerful force, laying claim to a not inconsiderable legacy.

...and moreover

Craig Brown

During the twelve months leading up to each festival, the people of Edinburgh tend to go in for being riven asunder. Half the council objects to giving money to mime artistes impersonating oranges from South Africa, while the other half objects to financing 7:84 productions featuring the Queen Mother on rollerskates. Ordinary citizens write strong letters to *The Scotsman*, objecting to the filth left behind by tourists. Writers have rows with directors who have rows with actors who have rows with each other, and they all in turn claim that they were misquoted by journalists.

How very different is the pre-festival life of our own dear Aldeburgh! With the Aldeburgh Festival beginning on Monday, widespread outbreaks of calm have descended on the town. Politeness is stalking the streets. Courtesy is prowling the promenade, doffing his cap to one and all. The good citizens of Aldeburgh cannot leave their houses at night without finding themselves bid a cheery "Good Evening" by passing members of the Extremely Pleasant Front, who gained control of the town years ago and have retained their relaxed grip ever since.

Since my arrival last Saturday, I have been overwhelmed by the niceness of Aldeburgh. Nowhere in Britain can the words "Please" and "Thank you" be trilled with such abandon. If you go into the greengrocer and say, "A bunch of grapes, please", the kind lady will say, "Thank you" before getting you the grapes and another "Thank you" as she hands them to you; she will then ask you if she can get you anything else, please, and you will say, "No, thank you", and she will say "Thank you" before telling you how much you owe her, please; she will say "Thank you" again on receiving your money, "Thank you" once more on giving you the change, a third "Thank you" as you start to leave and a final "Thank you" as you reach the door.

The niceness of Aldeburgh abounds in the other shops, too. The cinema must be the only half-timbered cinema in the land. The clothes shops have window displays of towelling robes and sensible shoes. There is a marked lack of aspirational hard-sell in all the windows, an indifference to the style trends fostered elsewhere by the chain stores. The grocer's window is the showcase for a pleasant pyramid of kitchen towels. The food shops close at lunchtime, but they don't go to the bother of bringing all their produce inside before shutting up.

The newsagents sell model sailing boats made of wood with proper cotton sails. We chose a red one with yellow sails for our daughter and took it along to the boating pond on the front. We noticed with some trepidation that all the other boats were red with yellow sails, but it didn't seem to matter. The other children, all wearing shorts and with nice manners, were happy to share and share alike, and there were no tiffs at all. The model boating pond is overlooked by a statue of a dog, erected in memory of a local vet and his wife.

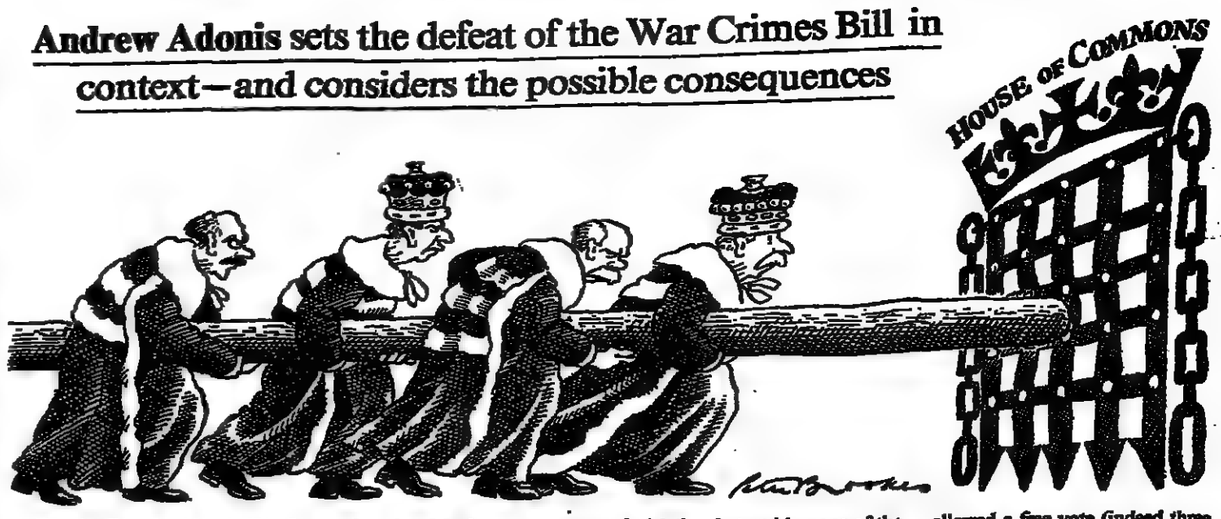
The artiness of Aldeburgh is in harmony with its niceness, the former stopping the latter becoming too Little Englandish, and the latter stopping the former from giving itself airs. It is easy to buy the most obscure Britten opera in Aldeburgh, but for any record by Soul II Soul or Madonna, you would have to brave Ipswich. Aldeburgh is both quaint and cosmopolitan: the woman who owns the health food shop was able to recite "Round and Round the Garden" in Polish to my daughter while packaging some Italian brown rice.

Graham Greene would feel at home in most English seaside towns, with their gaudy decay and their ever-present promise of lurking menace, but he could do his anonymous creeping around Aldeburgh from dawn until dusk without ever catching sight of a yob, a broken bottle or a unfrocked priest. At dead of night, I walked past a members-only drinking club, the sort of place that would have made Greene come over all faint, only to hear a jovial chorus of ho-ho-ho's emerging, in the jocular manner of an Ealing comedy. In Aldeburgh, even the wildlife refuses to be too wild.

The seagulls, elsewhere so unruly, here eschew gangs, going around in twos and threes, keeping themselves to themselves, and certainly never cawing before 9.30am.

Within their rights, but the Lords are again on trial

Andrew Adonis sets the defeat of the War Crimes Bill in context—and considers the possible consequences



The BBC spent much of yesterday predicting a constitutional crisis in the wake of the Lords' rejection of the War Crimes Bill. It was in respectable company. Lord Tonypandy, the former Speaker, solemnly warned the peers that "We are digging our own grave if we set aside a view which has massive support in the House of Commons".

Such rhetoric harks back to the celebrated conflicts between Lords and Commons which dominated Edwardian England. The pre-1914 Lords did indeed flout constitutional conventions and threaten the integrity of Britain's fledgling democracy. Today's House of Lords, by contrast, is the model of constitutional circumspection, and in its treatment of the War Crimes Bill gave ample proof of its contemporary value as a second chamber.

Until 1911 the House of Lords held equal legal power with the Commons. It had, in fact, long been accepted that governments were responsible to the Commons, and that the will of the Commons should ultimately prevail in case of conflict. But in the 30 years before the First World War, the Lords, a bastion of the Tory church and aristocracy, showed itself increasingly reluctant to bow to reforming Liberal administrations. Confrontation came to a head when the pre-war Liberal government, elected with a landslide majority in 1906, had much of its legislation rejected outright. The consequent impasse came to a head when, in 1909, the Lords rejected David Lloyd George's celebrated "People's Budget".

The conflict was fierce. "The House of Lords is not the watchdog of the Constitution," Lloyd George declaimed. "It is Mr Balfour's poodle." Winston Churchill, then a Liberal, condemned the Lords as a "one-sided, hereditary, unprized, unrepresentative, irresponsible absentee". Asquith's government introduced a bill to reduce the Lords' powers. It met with a predictable response from their lordships, and only after two general elections, both won by the Liberals, and agreement from a reluctant (and newly enthroned) George V to swamp the upper chamber with Liberals should it continue to resist, was the Parliament Bill finally passed in August 1911.

The Parliament Act abolished the Lords' veto on financial measures and reduced to two years its power to delay most other bills. In 1949 that two years was reduced to less than a year by Clement Attlee's Labour government, fearful that the peers might try to delay its nationalization legislation. Both acts, however, left the hereditary composition of the Lords unchanged. Attempts at reform were made by Attlee and by Harold Wilson's government in 1968-69. Both failed, and the only significant modification of the Lords' composition since its restoration with the monarchy in 1660 was the introduction of life peers (and peeresses) in 1958.

None the less, today's House of Lords is a world apart from "Mr Balfour's poodle". Life peers account for more than half the regular attenders, and although the Tories still command a clear majority, it is no longer the one-party state that it was. Moreover, the peers have long accepted that their essential role is not to obstruct but to revise government legislation; and as the increasing government use of the guillotine in the Commons has made that job ever more important, so also the work of the Upper House in scrutinizing the activities of the executive and the European Community has earned it respect across the political spectrum.

Legally, the House of Lords retains the delaying powers accorded it under the 1911 and 1949 Parliament Acts. In practice, however, it observes a self-denying ordinance sometimes called the "Salisbury convention" (after the 5th Marquess of Salisbury, who led the the Tory peers from 1942 to 1957), whereby it never challenges the principles of a government bill provided they featured in the governing party's election manifesto.

Not that relations have always been smooth. On the contrary, the peers are enthusiastic revisers; they frequently ask the Commons to think again about particular proposals, and all recent governments, Tory as well as Labour, have found their lordships' attentions irksome. Yet close adherence to the Salisbury convention has so successfully kept the peers clear of serious controversy that the Parliament Acts have not been invoked for more than 40 years.

That is, perhaps, until the War Crimes Bill. But if the Commons does override the Lords, which it can in some 10 months' time, that is likely to be the exception that proves the rule. For the bill in question is a peculiar measure, and the Lords' treatment of it involves no breach of the Salisbury convention.

In the first place, war crimes legislation featured in none of the parties' manifestos at the last election. Indeed the Hetherington-Chalmers report, which gave rise to the disputed bill, was published only last July; and it is barely six months since the Commons resolved to proceed with legislation to implement it. In the view of its advocates, speed was of the essence, given the age of those alleged by the report to be *prima facie* answerable for "horrific instances of mass murder". Those against felt equally strongly about the implications of changing the law retroactively to allow trials for crimes committed more than 45 years ago in the heat of war. Simply to rehearse the arguments is to see that if the second chamber has any significant role at all, it is in such circumstances: to ensure full public debate, over a reasonable period, before MPs commit the country to measures with important legal, moral and political implications.

Secondly, the War Crimes Bill is a highly unusual type of government bill. Its direct origin is a Commons motion, successfully tabled last December by a Tory backbencher (Sir Bernard Braine), calling for legislation to allow immigrants to be tried for certain war crimes. David Waddington, the Home Secretary, introduced the War Crimes Bill to that end, but at every stage of its passage through the Commons, MPs were allowed a free vote (indeed three cabinet ministers voted against the proposal in December). So the bill is more akin to a private member's bill than to a government measure proper; and peers have always maintained their right to deal with such measures according to their consciences, as, for example, when they rejected Sydney Silverman's 1956 bill to abolish capital punishment.

The Lords anyway had good cause to question the strength of MPs' convictions on the matter: when the Commons passed the War Crimes Bill on April 25, only 145 MPs – barely a fifth of the House – bothered to vote.

If the Lords' action breaches no convention, it nevertheless highlights the anomaly of the composition of the House. For however strong their political and constitutional case, the peers have no democratic mandate, and their leaders can never fully rebut charges such as Greville Janner's that they are no more than a collection of "elderly, unelected lawyers, out of touch with public opinion". The ghosts of Cromwell, Gladstone and Lloyd George are unlikely to stir in the next few months. But the peers' action on Monday may do more than anything else in recent years to put Lords reform on the political agenda.

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Conor Cruise O'Brien urges the West to heed Soviet concerns for its security

Germany: Nato yes, nuclear no

Even those of us with misgivings can agree that the sooner Germany is united and fully sovereign, the better. The greater the resistance, the more likely is a resurgence of German nationalism. Yet there is resistance on the Soviet side, for adequate reasons, and both the West and the Germans must come to terms with it.

President Bush's approach at last week's summit seemed about right. He was taking Soviet concerns about their security seriously, but trying to persuade Mr Gorbachov that these concerns can be reconciled with a united Germany's membership of Nato. And indeed such a reconciliation is possible.

The Soviet objection to Germany being in Nato is essentially a way of persuading the US to discuss the terms on which German reunification can be reconciled with Soviet concerns about its own security. What looms in the background is the spectre of a united Germany with nuclear weapons. A united Germany with even a very moderate rise in nationalism might well decide that it needs such weapons, for reasons of security and status. As far as security is concerned, it faces a grossly unstable Soviet Union, with a formidable nuclear arsenal. As for status, the question is obvious: if France and Britain each has an independent deterrent, why not Germany?

The old answer – more or less accepted by Germans themselves for decades – was that Germany's record of military aggression meant that it could not be trusted with such weapons. But that answer is no longer presentable in the West: the prevailing doctrine, at least in public discourse, is that Bonn's impeccable record, over more than two generations, proves there is no reason to doubt the conduct of a united Germany. But the Soviet leadership does not find this doctrine convincing, and is concerned about its implications.

If a united Germany unconditionally becomes a member of Nato, and if it announces its intention to obtain nuclear weapons – or simply goes ahead and acquires them – its Nato partners will have no presentable grounds for objection. Some things have become officially unsayable in the late 20th century, and one of these is that while Britain and France can be trusted with an independent nuclear deterrent, Germany cannot.

Moscow knows, therefore, that a united Germany within Nato will be free to acquire nuclear weapons unless it is specifically precluded from doing so by international agreement *before* reunification comes about.

The Soviet Union (or Russia, whichever is the dominant entity in the months to come) will not withdraw its 380,000 troops from East Germany until its security requirements are fully met. This does not necessarily mean that a united Germany cannot be in Nato. It can be, provided the principal Nato countries are prepared to meet Moscow's essential precondition, which, though the Soviet leadership has so far scarcely alluded to it publicly, is that Germany should not have nuclear weapons.

In circumstances of great turmoil at home, Gorbachov's personal position naturally dominated the public comment on last week's summit. On German unity, however, his personal position is of no significance. The views he expressed are collective, shared by all Soviet leaders, civil and military.

When the Berlin Wall came down, Gorbachov was inclined to take German reunificiation as a matter of course, without making stipulations. But civil and military colleagues soon called him to order, as I had predicted.

The Soviet position on German unity should not, therefore, be linked to the perceived weakness of the present Soviet leader. Gorbachov may not last much longer, but Moscow's position on German unity will survive him. There is great danger in the present tendency in the West to assume that German reunification, and full sovereignty, will come about irrespective of what the Russians may think, say or do.

An ugly situation could arise this year if Germany becomes unified, politically and economically, without Soviet security conditions being met. In that case, Germans would see the Russian troops on their soil as an impediment, blocking the way to sovereign independence. A better recipe for the inflammation of German nationalism could hardly be imagined. Anti-Soviet demonstrations, leading to riots, leading in turn to armed repression, would be sure to follow. And in the ensuing international uproar, Russian nationalism, too, would become inflamed.

This dire train of events may be just around the corner as German reunification speeds ahead, irrespective of the Soviet position. Serious negotiations aimed at the speedy withdrawal of those Soviet troops are, therefore, urgently needed. The two-plus-four talks are no longer a useful forum, since they produce a five-versus-one result. What is needed, immediately, is a series of bilateral talks. Let us hope that the Bush-Gorbachov meeting at Camp David made some progress.

As I said at the beginning, it is possible that Soviet concerns about their security can be reconciled with a united Germany being a full member of Nato. But if German membership of Nato remains a stumbling block, a united Germany outside Nato would be preferable to Soviet troops remaining on the soil of a united Germany while the argument drags on.

DIARY

Cathedral confrontation

The tranquillity of Salisbury has been disturbed by a row over the £1,000-a-head gala event being staged by Edward Heath on June 23 to raise £250,000 for the cathedral spire appeal. A champagne reception is being held in Heath's riverside garden, followed by a cathedral concert and a gourmet dinner in a marquee on his lawn. But Alan Richardson, who edits the *Salisbury Cathedral News*, has branded the event "élitist". Guests include Helmut Schmidt and David Rockefeller, but Richardson asks how many Salisbury residents will be able to join the "international glitterati jetting in to join the junketings fore and aft of the concert". Richardson says he is "boycotting" the concert, preferring the comfort of the local hostelry and a meat sandwich. "If you feel the £1,000 is a little too steep for dinner," he writes, "you can always settle for the pre-concert champagne reception at a meagre £250. This event must be the ultimate in élitism."

The article has caused a rumpus in the town, where Heath's efforts to boost the £6.5 million appeal enjoy considerable support. The Dean, Hugh Dickinson, has dissociated himself from his editor and apologized to Heath. Frank Lockyer, the retired policeman in charge of the fund-raising, has attacked Richardson as "the unacceptable face of Christianity".

Heath expresses his regret that Richardson should "ridicule and condemn" those able to make large donations to charity. He has challenged him to stage his own concert for Salisbury's 38,000 residents, and offered to conduct if Richardson can provide the orchestra, soloist and publicity. "Outsiders, especially distinguished foreign ones," he writes to Richardson, "can of course be banned from these functions if you wish. I cannot be sure whether this procedure would abolish élitism. What I can guarantee is that it would not produce a penny for the Spire Appeal." Richardson, unrepentant, said yesterday: "I praised Ted Heath in my editorial five times. I admire what he has done, and wish the event well. But I still wonder how many Salisbury people will be there."

● *Ulster Television's decision on legal grounds not to screen the controversial* Shoot to Kill *backfired on Sunday night when the station broadcast Oracle subtitles to the documentary during the Alan Alda comedy that replaced it. To make matters worse, technicians could not find a way to stop the subtitles going out. In the end they pulled the plug on the entire Oracle service.*

Halfway house

Lord Shawcross is living up to his old Commons nickname. As the Labour MP Sir Hartley Shawcross, he swiftly became known in the 1950s as Sir Shortly Floorcross, because of the frequent speculation that he was on the verge of defecting to the Tories. When he finally did leave Labour, it was for the Social Democrat benches in the House of Lords.

Peers watched with bated breath as he made his way into the chamber on Monday after the death of his adopted party. From where would the former attorney general and Nuremberg chief prosecutor deliver his keynote speech opposing the War Crimes Bill? Would he return to the Labour fold or finally make it across to the Tories? In the event, neither. He chose as his new home the Independent cross benches, where he sat shoulder-to-shoulder with the Chief Rabbi, Lord Jakobovits, and the Queen's racing manager, the Earl of Carnarvon.

Going: off

Is Derby Day losing its glamour? Once the most prestigious horse race in the world, and rivalling the Grand National as the housewives' favourite flutter, the Ever Ready Derby's batteries appear to have gone rather flat. The quality of the horses is said to be poor, without a Shergar or a Nijinsky in sight. In recent weeks, no fewer than six horses have appeared in the bookies' lists as favourites – and four have since been withdrawn. As recently as early May it was possible to get 50-1 on Razeen, which will start as favourite today.

Along with a decline in the quality of the horseflesh, the prize-money is now well down the international list, with several imitation "derbies", such as the Japanese, far outstripping the Epsom original; only about two million people will watch the race live on television; and for the first time, ante-post betting on the Derby will be exceeded by that on the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Beating the drum for business, a spokesman for William Hill said: "It may not be a purists' race this year, but the absence of a single oustanding runner makes it a real pin-sticker's Derby. There won't be a soul in the land who doesn't know it is Derby Day. We still expect to take £7 million on the

day." Lester Piggott, who rode nine Derby winners, agrees. "You can't have champions every year," he says. "The prestige hasn't changed. The Derby is more than a race – it's an institution."

A tip for this most open Derby in years? The Diary is having a modest each-way bet on Missionary Ridge. It is owned by Sir Gordon White, partner of Lord Hanson, whose business empire includes Ever Ready, the sponsor. If it wins, Sir Gordon will not only recoup his sponsorship prize money, but will collect £500,000 from an early bet at 100-1.

● *Amid great media hype, Paddy Ashdown bedded down for the night with the down-and-outs of Cardboard City on Monday. Less publicized was the way he fortified himself for the ordeal: dining at Methuselah's, a popular Westminster wine bar. Needless to say, none of his adopted neighbours for the night were with him.*

A merry dance

The Kirov Ballet, which last night opened its five-week London season at the Coliseum, was insisting almost until curtain-up that Farouhk Ruzimatov would be dancing in *Le Corsaire*. The Entertainment Corporation, which is promoting the season, told all who asked yesterday: "We are still expecting him. We haven't heard anything else." But Ruzimatov was in New York last night, dancing his first *Romeo and Juliet*. "I would like to clear up any confusion regarding my performances in London this summer," he said. "I will be appearing exclusively with the American Ballet Theatre, which I joined as principal dancer this past April." But clearly the message has not yet got through to the Kirov. Their advertisements continue to feature a picture of Ruzimatov dancing in *Le Corsaire*, one of his finest roles. *Perestroika* allowed Ruzimatov to leave the Soviet Union without having to defect, but clearly old habits die hard: the Kirov seems to believe that freedom of movement should be restricted to the dance stage.

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LORDS IN ACTION

The House of Lords was right yesterday to use its constitutional power to reject the War Crimes Bill – right and within its rights. The action was motivated neither by squeamishness nor by a wish to forgive and forget the crimes which would be the subject of any prosecution. The issue was whether, given the uncertainty of identification and the difficulty of bringing witnesses to Britain, any defendant could be assured of a fair trial more than 40 years after the alleged crimes. The question was whether justice would be seen to be done. The answer, for all practical purposes, was no. There was therefore no point in passing a law encumbered by the additional evil of retrospection.

A number of speakers in the debate none the less said that, whatever the merits of the case, the Lords were not justified in using the powers they have to reject a Bill sent to it by the House of Commons, especially when it had passed the Commons on a free vote. Some Labour peers were even known to have voted with the Government simply so as to avoid a potentially embarrassing constitutional clash. Yet the Lords were not only perfectly within their rights to use their powers; they would, in effect, have been admitting the futility of those powers if they had failed to vote according to their consciences on a measure such as this.

Under the Parliament Act of 1949, the Lords can delay Bills, other than money Bills, for a year. For so long as this power exists, the chamber has a right to use it. At no time in British parliamentary history has it been thought good for a single chamber to exercise untrammelled authority, except for a short unhappy period under the Rump Parliament, whose own power had been built on ejecting MPs who disagreed with it. A pragmatic variant on the 1949 Act might argue that the Lords should not reject a major Commons' Bill arising from an election commitment for which the Government had obtained a mandate and imposed a Whip. The War Crimes Bill was not such a Bill. The Lords have performed their existing function immaculately. The Commons has been asked to reconsider its Bill and should do so in the light of sensible comments made on it by the Lords.

There remains the issue of the hereditary element in the Lords, a lingering trace of "unfairness" in an otherwise democratic constitution. Since the Parliament Act of 1911 curtailed the power of the Lords (then a hereditary and overwhelmingly Tory chamber), there has been a pious hope that a consensus could be reached whereby heredity and patronage should be replaced by some system based on election. Agreement on this has proved elusive, largely because of Labour's long attachment to a unicameral Parliament with no impediment to the actions of a Labour House of Commons.

Apart from the Crossman attempt at Lords reform in 1968-69, aborted by an alliance of the Labour left and the Tory right, Labour governments have found it convenient to do nothing. Despite the predominance of life-peers in the daily work of the House, Labour could hold the threat of extinction over it by merely citing the need to get rid of heredity. As a result, the Lords usually feel more free to embarrass a Tory than a Labour government.

Labour, in its recent policy statement, has changed its mind. The former manifesto commitment to total abolition is now a reform produced by Mr Roy Hattersley (himself a former uni-cameralist) which illuminates the action the Lords have just taken. The party favours an elected second chamber, able to revise Bills but not to reject or delay them, with the important exception of those which concern fundamental rights. Such Bills could be delayed for the full term of a Parliament to allow "reference back" at a general election.

Mr Kinnock has since revealed his disinclination to find time for Lords' reform in his first Parliament. Yet Labour's acceptance in principle of a second chamber with a constitution-defending role is important, for that principle would clearly cover the drastic legal innovations contained in the War Crimes Bill. The Lords can at present claim to be well equipped for such defence, free as they are from the constituency pressures faced by the Commons. Such pressure, however, depends on their not being elected, or at least not subject to periodic re-election and thus to party discipline. Labour needs to ponder again the question of composition. But to have apparently accepted that yesterday's vote offers a good instance of a second chamber doing its job is progress indeed.

SIMPLIFYING COCOM

The conflicting claims of security and Western trade can never be reconciled. A blacklist of products and technology which cannot be sold to Warsaw Pact countries and others deemed hostile to Western interests is maintained by the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (Cocom). The list covers some 140 categories of equipment and technology with possible military applications. This is absurdly long and has led to a running battle between the United States and its allies in Europe and elsewhere. It includes goods no longer of strategic value or readily available outside the 17 Cocom countries. Some items on the list, such as personal computers, are available in any Western department store. Companies have become adept at exploiting grey areas in a needlessly complex system.

Events in Eastern Europe make it urgent to streamline Cocom procedures. The meeting which begins today in Paris is expected to relax the rules considerably in three areas vital to the new democracies' prospects of transforming their economies: computers, machine tools and, most controversially, telecommunications.

Telephone equipment is a classic instance of the West's dilemma. Eastern Europe (and the Soviet Union) desperately need modern communications, and the market is huge. But fibre optics and digital packet switches, diverted to military use, could revolutionize Soviet missile technology. Cocom governments therefore need to go beyond line-item trimming and work out new principles for liberalization.

There are two approaches. The British want a short list of obviously sensitive products and technologies, such as super-computers, atomic energy and sonars, applied as before to the entire Eastern bloc. The United States takes the view that democratic friends – Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary in particular – should be treated more favourably than the Soviet Union.

Supporters of the latter view point out that, following unification, East Germany will have access to strategically significant West German technology, and also, under the European single market, to American technology exported to the Community. Bonn has suggested surmounting this problem by creating unified German controls on re-export (which would still leave East Germany free to export to the Soviet Union its "own" technology). East European democracies, on this reasoning, should be allowed to import controlled goods on the same basis as other neutral non-Cocom countries, provided they promise not to re-export them to the Soviet Union, and be helped to set up their own controls.

The Americans, in a tacit acknowledgement that this is hardly a realistic proposition, would supplement national controls with a system of Western inspection to ensure that the technology does not leak eastward. Yet "end-user" verification is notoriously difficult, as recent experience with chemical weapons and missile technology testifies.

Eastern Europe will remain a KGB hunting ground for years to come. What reaches these countries will reach the Soviet Union. Negotiated arms reductions could, paradoxically, make strategic controls even more important, since remaining weapons systems must be ever more sophisticated. Denial of state-of-the-art military technology to Eastern Europe will not ruin its chances of catching up economically, but could tip the strategic balance against the West. Cocom should settle for the British scheme. It should concentrate on core products and technologies and apply the embargo more strictly than has been possible with long laundry-lists of doubtful strategic relevance.

THE WRONG TRACK

Three years ago Sheffield resolved to go for gold by bidding for the 1991 World Student Games. Little more than 12 months before the opening event, the gold looks most likely to come from the city's less than ecstatic poll tax payers. If local democratic accountability means anything, this is more fool them for electing a council so intent on the dubious glamour of international stardom.

The idea may have been fine in principle. Birmingham has its thriving exhibition centre, Glasgow is this year's European city of culture and Manchester has applied (probably in vain) to stage the next but one Olympic Games. The theory behind the Sheffield enterprise was that the income would come from sponsors. The Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 had made a profit, including $287 million from television rights alone.

While Los Angeles did the Olympics a great service by exemplifying the possible reward to one-off sports occasions, its influence elsewhere has proved a mixed blessing. It planted the idea that one had only to invite along the sponsors and the event would make money like a fruit machine. The city of Sheffield, whose industrial revolution has run its course, saw a chance to burnish its battered, smoke-stained image on the strength of 6,000 athletes, 11 sports, 200,000 visitors and 130 countries represented.

These figures have turned out to represent not so much revenues as costs. The latest estimate for constructing the facilities is nearly £150 million, which seems likely to saddle Sheffield with huge debts. Whether the stadium, swimming pool and athletes' village will justify the investment is doubtful. According to one estimate by its critics the pool will need 1,000 daily customers to break even as a municipal facility.

The biggest single promise of real money has so far been the £3 million pledged by the Sports Council. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has been asked to consider minting a special coin. Now the city council has taken over control from Universiade GB, the organization set up to run the games, while the Sports Council is helping with marketing expertise. The poll-tax payers of Sheffield must underwrite the event until other sources of income can be found.

Such a search is unlikely to be successful. Student games have a following abroad, notably in Eastern Europe and the Far East. In this country most people are unaware of them, mostly because few sports are university-based. Organizations with money to spend on backing sport were unlikely to be bowled over by the prospect of supporting an event jealously guarded by Sheffield and more notable for its cost than its charisma. The last student games in 1989 were rescued from financial oblivion in Brazil only by the intervention of West Germany, which hurriedly staged a more modest show in Duisburg.

Neither the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh four years ago nor the European Indoor Championships in Glasgow earlier this year did much for Britain's reputation as a sporting host. A third failure must deter such events from coming here again. Yet as long as they are planned by naive local councillors with stars in their eyes, such failure is unavoidable. The student games should be sent back to Duisburg.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doubts on extent of Globe site

From Professor Andrew Gurr

Sir, The world should be asking Hanson Trust what is happening about the Globe site. In the eight months since the Museum of London dig found part of the remains of Shakespeare's theatre, Hanson, the owners of the site, have been tight-lipped about their plans.

Six months ago I suggested to them that they could make a ground impulse radar scan of the site, to see if it could show how much more of the foundations are still there. This was done in mid-February, 16 weeks ago. I have now been told that its results are to be kept confidential for an indefinite time. We are entitled to ask why.

The Globe was officially scheduled as a historic monument in February. The scheduling encompasses an area 120 feet in diameter. That dimension was suggested by the Museum of London's report on its dig to Hanson Trust, which predicted that the Globe's total foundations might occupy an area 80 feet in diameter.

There is reason to doubt the accuracy of that figure, and therefore the accuracy of the area scheduled. Consequently, more digging to verify the precise extent of the surviving foundations is an urgent priority.

The radar scan was proposed as a quick and painless way of veryifying the location and full extent of the remains. Hanson's decision to keep its findings secret is worrying because it seems to indicate that there is something dangerous in them to Hanson's interests.

The remains of the Globe, and what they can tell us about the shape of Shakespeare's theatre, are a national and an international treasure. Secrecy over a matter of such world-wide concern is extraordinary.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW GURR,
University of Reading,
Department of English Language and Literature,
Whiteknights,
Reading, Berkshire.
June 5.

Canterbury succession

From Dr J. D. Lambert

Sir, Letters from the Reverend P. E. Ursell (May 18) and the Reverend D. J. Ellis (May 25) on the Apostles casting lots to elect Matthias into the vacancy left by Judas Iscariot call to mind the eminent and beloved Oxford theologian, Dr Austin Farrer, who left Trinity to become Warden of Keble on St Matthias Day (February 24), 1960.

It was Dr Farrer's habit to scribble frivolous poems during meetings. On receiving the news of his appointment to Keble he wrote (Biography, *A Hawk Among Sparrows*, Philip Curtis, SPCK, 1985):

Quoth Peter, Our economist
Has burst asunder in the midst.
Now who can tell if we should trust us
To good Matthias or to Justus?
Between the even and the odd
Seek we the arbitrament of God.
They cast the die: Heaven ruled the bias
Up came the odd: and tipped Matthias.
Though no one could have meant it, he
Turned out a pure nonentity.
And simply vanished in the blue
With Thaddeo and Bartholomew.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES LAMBERT,
Trinity College,
Oxford.
May 25.

Neutral gender

From the Headmistress of Lady Margaret School

Sir, I was soundly reprimanded by an Ilea inspector for addressing my pupils as "girls". She told me that by doing this I was "perpetuating their gender differences" and that the authority did not approve of this.

I gently pointed out that the gender differences of my girls had been decided by an even greater authority than that which sat at County Hall. She did not see the joke.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN S. R. OLIVIER,
Headmistress,
Lady Margaret School,
Parson's Green, SW6.
June 2.

Rushdie commitment

From the President of the English Centre of International PEN

Sir, Your diarist asks (June 1), "Is the commitment of the literary world to the Rushdie cause beginning to wane?" and then goes on to cite what he or she considers evidence to support an affirmative answer.

If anything, the commitment of English writers to have the death sentence on Salman Rushdie lifted is stronger than ever. Three weeks ago, at an International PEN Congress in Madeira, I put before the assembly a proposal that all 101 PEN centres obtain the signatures of the world's religious leaders to a statement condemning the death sentence on Mr Rushdie. This was accepted unanimously and is now in the process of being put into effect. I also argued that linking Salman Rushdie's plight to the fate of the hostages in the Lebanon was untenable and immoral since Mr Rushdie is himself a hostage, a captive in his own country. This view, too, prevailed.

In previewing English PEN's International Writers' Day your diarist implies that we in PEN were somehow anxious that the Rushdie affair should not dominate the proceedings. As the event has just ended I am now in a position to refute that assertion. Both Nadine Gordimer and Larry McMurtry, the principal speakers, referred to Mr Rushdie repeatedly, as did many others. There emerged from the discussions a determination to find ways to keep Mr Rushdie and his dreadful predicament in the public consciousness and to see that his name is not consigned to the back pages of newspapers or to bogus diary pieces.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD HARWOOD,
President,
The English Centre of International PEN
7 Dilke Street, Chelsea, SW3.
June 2.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number – (071) 782 5046.

Seeking a different role for Nato

From Mr Frank Blackaby

Sir, Why is it so difficult to get some Western politicians to think new thoughts about Nato? Nato is an anti-Soviet military alliance – albeit a defensive one. It was set up, as Denis Healey has said, when all that the Soviet Army needed to reach the Atlantic was boots. It is addressed to a single threat – of a Soviet attack on Western Europe.

Since it is now generally accepted that the Soviet threat has gone, Nato has lost its *raison d'être*. The founders of Nato, if they were alive, would be happy to accept that this was so; they always envisaged Nato as a temporary arrangement.

There are two dominant requirements for the new security structure which we need in Europe: it should be pan-European, and it should bring the Soviet Union in. There is no justification any longer for treating the USSR as a pariah state.

Obviously the new structure should include Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia; but it would be a terrible folly to try to incorporate them into an anti-Soviet alliance. At present Nato guarantees assistance to Germany if there were an attack from Poland. Why should we not guarantee assistance to Poland if there were an attack from Germany? We did it before.

Every European state (except Albania) has signed the Stockholm declaration in 1986 abjuring the threat or use of force in its relations with any other European state. That should now be put into treaty form, with the addition of article four from the North Atlantic Treaty:

The parties will consult together whenever, in the opinion of any of them, the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any of the parties is threatened.

We have the chance now of constructing a Europe without an enemy, and releasing for co-operative purposes the vast sums now wasted on a pointless and dangerous military confrontation. An anti-Soviet alliance can have no part in this new construction.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK BLACKABY,
9 Fentiman Road, SW8.
June 1.

From Professor A. I. Clunies Ross

Sir, Raymond Plant ("Allies with no enemy", May 29) sees two possible futures for Nato: as a West European security alliance, or as a league of democratic states. Perhaps we can have both at once: as related paths to the same end.

The dangers in Europe seem likely to come now not from a great expansionist power, as the creation of Nato assumed, but from disputes over secession, borders and minorities, among not only the existing states but also the up-to-20 additional contestants that may spring from the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.

It is too late to pretend that demands for secession and boundary changes can be ignored, now that the Soviet Union itself has legislated to regularize secession. Our need then is to bring those new states, with ourselves, into a framework in which disputes can be settled by law.

The first and immediate task for a "league of democratic states" (which might naturally grow out of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe rather than Nato) could therefore be to construct a code, with institutions for conciliation, arbitration, and popular consultation, to deal with such disputes, so that there are lawful and recognized procedures for change.

The league's second set of agenda would be to draw its members, as and when each became ready, into a genuine confederation, in which their military forces were pooled and brought under a common democratic control. The role of the West European nations, with their experience of tight institutionalized co-operation in Nato and the EC, might be to form an inner core of members who pioneer the closer relationship.

It is perhaps better to see any transition from Nato, or any new defence association in Western Europe, as an arrangement not to be tied to the EC or confined to its members but one designed to be the starting point of a security confederation that any member of the democratic league might join.

Once established, such a core, if it embodied the major powers of Western Europe, might prove attractive to others aspiring to similar political values, so that national armed forces became the exception rather than the rule.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY CLUNIES ROSS,
University of Strathclyde,
Department of Economics,
Glasgow 4.
May 31.

Landscape protection

From the Director General of the National Trust

Sir, I should like the opportunity to reply to Gavin Smith's letter (May 30). The Devil's Punchbowl near Hindhead, Surrey, is an area of lowland heath which is internationally significant and designated as a site of special scientific interest.

The prime consideration for the National Trust here, as at all its countryside properties, is the protection of the landscape. In order to achieve this the trust is constantly looking at ways of improving its conservation management.

The employment of additional countryside staff to undertake essential conservation work and ensure a high standard of public access has been funded from the sale of cottages on long leases with strict covenants (not freeholds as implied in Mr Smith's letter). The National Trust has protected this part of the Surrey commons from development since 1906 and will continue to do so.

The National Trust has always consulted with the YHA (Youth Hostel Association) which is currently considering the future of its hostel in the Punchbowl. The trust and the YHA are discussing the best way forward to meet the needs of hostellers so that they and all other visitors can continue to enjoy this unspoilt place.

Yours faithfully,
ANGUS STIRLING,
Director General,
The National Trust,
36 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
May 31.

Romanian elections

From Mr Robert N. Wareing, MP for Liverpool, West Derby (Labour)

Sir, Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home's attack (May 25) on Edwina Currie's alleged naivety in respect of the Romanian elections is grossly unfair. As the other member of the team representing the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, I can vouch for the fact that in Bucharest, Timisoara, Lipova and numerous villages we visited, there was not a glimmer of intimidation or fear.

On the contrary, there was an air of new-born freedom and people queueing (in a carnival atmosphere) to vote. What does Mrs Douglas-Home expect us to say? That there was intimidation when we saw none? That fear was in the faces of the voters when all we met was a people enthusiastic to exercise their franchise? We were in Romania to look objectively at what *we saw*.

Of course, it was not all perfection in Romania. There was, however, nothing sinister in anything we saw. Mr Iliescu's majority was conclusive.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT N. WAREING,
House of Commons, SW1.

Muck and money

From Mr Nicholas Albery

Sir, I was disturbed at the report (May 30) that the water companies are expected to build up to 20 large incineration plants to burn sewage sludge.

Human sewage sludge can be turned into a fertiliser supplement for use in agriculture, forestry and land reclamation, through the addition of kiln dust, another waste product, which disinfects the sludge and removes its smell.

The city of Toledo in Ohio now uses this method for its sludge, in a plant that had to be smell-free as it was built next to a golf course and two private yacht marinas. And there is one due to be completed in the next fortnight at Horsham in West Sussex, which will handle sludge from a population of 50,000.

Surely it makes more sense to recycle the sludge into a safe, marketable product than to burn it or to dump it at sea?

With best wishes,
NICHOLAS ALBERY
(Chairman),
The Institute for Social Inventions,
24 Abercorn Place, NW8.
May 30.

Polluted fish

From the Director General of the British Safety Council

Sir, Of course I'm genuinely sorry to read that the livelihood of 60 Scarborough boatmen is threatened (report, May 31) because lobsters, crabs and other shellfish have been badly polluted. But I'm tempted to ask what were all the citizens of Scarborough doing in 1970 (and since) when, concerned with workers returning from UK holiday resorts with "upset tummies", we published a list of Britain's filthy beaches. I don't remember anything other than abuse from Scarborough citizens when I photographed the solid untreated sewage pouring from the short outfall back in 1970, in which holidaymakers were expected to bathe.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES TYE,
Director General,
British Safety Council,
National Safety Centre,
Chancellor's Road, W6.
June 1.

More names for Channel train

From Mr L. O. Tench

Sir, The conventional sources Greek or Minoan mythology bei fraught with danger – the Lab rinth is clearly unacceptable ar the Minotaur too frightening one is reduced to "alphanume cal" names for the cross-Chann train (Diary, May 24; letters, M 28, 31, June 4).

Wholly numerical solution such as the 2000, could ha unfortunate connotations in t UK of cost over-runs, or the da when the link might finally ready. One is led, therefore, to t predominantly alphabetical, has been Europe: the French ha the TGV, Austria the Neue Bah Denmark the ICs, Germany t ICE and Luna projects, Italy t ETR 450. Spain the TAV a Sweden the X2.

Whatever the name chosen, it certain to have pages of uni formed comment written about and eventually be banned France.

Yours faithfully,
L. O. TENCH,
St Michael's Road, Stramshall,
Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.

From Dr Joan M. Burrell

Sir, May I suggest Ariel, remem bering his ability to put a girdl round the Earth in 40 minutes?

Yours truly,
JOAN M. BURRELL,
40 Victoria Street, Aberdeen.

From Mr R. H. Williamson

Sir, Stephenson would be pleas if it was called the Sea Rocket.

Yours faithfully,
R. H. WILLIAMSON,
21 Onslow Road, Burwood Park
Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

From Mr H. W. Winter

Sir, Mrs Harding (May 28) su gests Hermes, as denoting divine dependable communication a service; but Hermes was also t patron of glib tricksters, swindle and thieves, and he shepherd souls to Hades.

Yours truly,
H. W. WINTER,
Clenston, Main Street,
Chideock, Dorset.

From Mr Philip Hansom

Sir, The Golden Fleece?

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP HANSOM,
Byways, Charicombe Lane,
Lansdown, Avon.

From Mr Simon Brock

Sir, Despite the French ban English beef, the most appropri name could still be the Gre Train.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON BROCK,
Grange Lodge, Grange Lane,
Hartley Wintney, Hampshire.

From Mr John Yarnell

Sir, The beautiful silver tr which connected London a Edinburgh in the thirties w appropriately called Silver Lin

Yours faithfully,
JOHN YARNELL,
4 Gillian Avenue,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Mrs Gwendoline H. Webs

Sir, Marvel: that's what it will be it ever gets going.

Yours faithfully,
GWENDOLINE H. WEBSTER
31 Poet's Walk,
Walmer, Deal, Kent.

From Mr Peter Jones

Sir, Bluebird, as in the reco breaking cars and boats of t Campbell family, sounds fast a British. It also recalls the famo French Blue Train.

Yours faithfully,
PETER JONES,
20 The Warren, Chartridge,
Chesham, Buckinghamshire.

From Dr A. W. R. Thom

Sir, I propose Ulysses: "*Heure qui, comme Ulysse, a fait un be voyage.*"

Yours faithfully,
A. W. R. THOM,
24 Marina Court,
Alfred Street, Bow, E3.

From Dr I. M. Jessiman

Sir, I wonder whether British R would prefer to shoot across t Channel peaceably, if colourful with The Trainbow (which mig just double as Le Trainbeau f the return trip).

Yours faithfully,
I. M. JESSIMAN,
17 Grange Drive,
Chislehurst, Kent.

From Mr John Uzzell Edwards

Sir, Brunnel.

Best wishes,
JOHN UZZELL EDWARDS,
Plas Coedffaldau, Rhiwfawr,
Swansea, West Glamorgan.

From Mrs Hilary Machtus

Sir, As Kent stands to suffer t most disfigurement and disru tion as a result of the new servi what about naming it, in r ompense, after the graceful e blem of our fair county, Invicta

Yours faithfully,
HILARY MACHTUS,
Fairlawns, Maidstone Road,
Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent.

From Mr Tom FitzPatrick

Sir, Can it be anything other th The Mole? Nobody knows wheel or where it will come up again what to do about it if it does.

Yours faithfully,
TOM FitzPATRICK,
15 Western Road, Newick,
Nr Lewes, East Sussex.

From Mr E. J. Nickson

Sir, Network South-East, Wes Electric, Thameslink to the oc sional passenger, interested o in the time of departure and h long it takes and trying to ma sense of the timetable (where t names do not help much), it seems like some irrelevant ternal game played by BR ma agers. Why does the cross-Chan service have to be called *anythi*

Yours sincerely,
E. J. NICKSON,
31 Lowfield Road, W3.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 5: The Premier of New South Wales and Mrs Greiner were received by The Queen.

His Excellency Señor Mario Cámpora was received in audience by The Queen and presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Argentine Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Señor Domingo Cullen (Minister Plenipotentiary), Señor Manuel Benítez de Castro (Counsellor), Señora Liliana dos Reis (Counsellor), Señor Iván Ivanisevich (First Secretary), Señor Claudio Rojo (Second Secretary), Señora Adriana Trotta da Whittam (Second Secretary) and Señor Alejandro Massucco (Second Secretary).

Señora Cámpora was received by Her Majesty.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Sir Michael Quinlan (Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence) was received by The Queen.

Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Lady Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master, attended the Annual Court Meeting and Lunch, at Trinity House.

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, attended a reception at St James's Palace this evening.

Major Sir Guy Acland, Bt, Captain Alastair Rogers, RM, and Captain Michael Hutchings were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 5: The Prince of Wales, Vice Patron, attended a Board Meeting of the British Council at 10 Spring Gardens, SW1.

Mr Peter Westmacott was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, attended a meeting at the TUC National Educational Centre, Crouch End Hill, N8.

Mr Guy Salter was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, attended a dinner to launch the Trust's Community Appeal at Kensington Palace State Apartments, W8.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, attended a charity gala at Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, EC1.

Miss Alexandra Loyd, Mr Richard Arbiter and Lieutenant Commander Patrick Jephson, RN were in attendance.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Gala Performance of "Le Corsaire" by the Kirov Ballet, held at the London Coliseum in aid of the Sportsmans Aid Society.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 5: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Little Sisters of the Poor and visited their Home for the Elderly at St Peter's, Meadow Road, South Lambeth, London SW8.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended a Dinner given by The Premier of New South Wales and Mrs Greiner at Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London EC4.

Mrs Alan Henderson and Mr Andrew Palmer were in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Derby at Epsom at 12.45. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will also attend.

The Prince of Wales, as president, will chair the meeting of the General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London (The King's Fund) at 21 Palace Court, W2, at 11.00; will open the project, jointly developed by the Newlon Housing Group and the City and Hackney Health Authority, at Mothers' Square, Hackney, at 1.15; and, as President of Business in the Community and the Prince of Wales Advisory Group on Disability, will attend a reception at the Inn on the Park Hotel at 6.30.

The Princess of Wales, as President of the Royal Marsden Hospital, will lay the foundation stone of a new clinical block at the hospital in Fulham Road at 10.45; and will attend the launch of the Amateur Swimming Association's "Swimfit 90" venture at The Queen Mother Sports Centre, Vauxhall Bridge Road, at 11.45.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Bristol Cyrenians, 1 New Street, St Judes, at 11.20; as Patron of the Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood Trust, will visit their headquarters, 3 Nugent Hill, Cotham, at 12.30; and visit the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, Theatre Royal, at 2.40.

Admiral Sir Frank Hopkins

A Memorial Service for the late Admiral Sir Frank Hopkins, KCB, DSO, DSC, will be held in RNC Greenwich, on Tuesday, June 26, at 1430. Attendance will be by ticket only, obtainable from the Flag Officer Naval Aviation, RNAS Yeovilton, Ilchester, Somerset BA22 8HL.

Molly Montgomery

A service of celebration for the life of Molly Montgomery, OBE, Hon FRIBA, will be held on Thursday, July 5, (her birthday) at 11.30 am at the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London.

Memorial service

His Honour W.D.M. Sumner
A memorial service for His Honour Donald Sumner was held yesterday at Wye Parish Church. Canon D.J. Marriott officiated. Judge Christopher Sumner and Mr Robert Sumner, sons, read the lessons and His Honour Joseph Dean gave an address.

Luncheon

Mid-Atlantic Club
The Australian High Commissioner was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon arranged by the Mid-Atlantic Club yesterday at Dartmouth House. Sir Peter Marshall, Chairman of the Commonwealth Trust, presided.

OBITUARIES

JON AKASS

John Ewart Akass, columnist and journalist, died of cancer aged 56 on June 4. He was born on July 16, 1933.

JON Akass was for more than 30 years one of Fleet Street's most gifted individual writers, his work distinguished both by his style and his highly personal opinions. The Christian name was adopted after a sub-editor's error early in his career. The surname, he fancied, originated from Armenia; he once met a New York restaurant owner, an Armenian with the same name, and was much taken by the notion that the Akasses had been clever and shrewd enough to survive centuries of persecution at the hands of Turks, Azerbaijanis and other hostile neighbours. The truth was less romantic: he was, he subsequently discovered, descended from a long line of North London upholsterers called Aketh.

Jon Akass had been walking around having opinions, as he put it, for longer than most. Born and educated in Bedford, he had his first job in newspapers in the London office of *The Glasgow Herald* and after national service in the RAF, where he learned typing and shorthand, he landed a job on a paper in Lincoln, omitting to mention his Fleet Street experience was as a teaboy.

In 1958, working in the Manchester office of *The Daily Herald*, he filed a front page story on the Munich Air Disaster. The quality of his writing impressed his masters in Fleet Street and he was summoned to London to write a column four days a week. He was 24 years old.

Akass worried that his youth and the extent of his journalistic travels (he had journeyed no further than the provinces) left him ill equipped to write an opinionated column. He asked for, and was granted, the chance to travel. The Biafran war, the Congo, three Middle East conflicts, the Eichmann trial, US presidential elections, the assassination of Bobby Kennedy and expulsion from South Africa followed.

He stayed in the IPC fold when *The Herald* became *The Sun* and remained with the paper when it was bought by Rupert Murdoch. In 1981 he flirted briefly with Sir James Goldsmith's *Now!* magazine, having agonized long and hard over whether he should leave daily newspapers. In the event it was the shrewdest financial move he ever made; he wrote just one column for *Now!* before the magazine folded just two days after his arrival. He pocketted £30,000, a year's salary, bought himself a small yacht which he navigated with the same razor sharp accuracy he gave to his writing, and returned to *The Sun*.

The reconciliation was short lived. As *The Sun* entered into its Gotcha phase Akass felt ill at ease and moved in 1985 to *The Daily Express*, where he worked until illness overook him.

He was proud to work for popular newspapers, knowing the demands they make on those who write for them, but he worried to the end whether he was up to producing a regular column. "One of these days they are going to rumble me" he would say. Writing did not come easily and at times it would make him physically ill. He would pace up and down, chain smoke cigarettes, drink gin, go to the pub or the shop to buy more cigarettes. But none of this displacement activity showed in his work. When he committed himself to paper he was perceptive, often amusing, individual and just about on time. His views were always his own. He never accepted an idea from a colleague, believing such asistance to be "second hand".

His image was that of a shambling chaotic person, a private life bedevilled by complaining bank managers, decamping builders, and accountants demanding two year old expenses claims. Disaster seemed forever poised to overtake him. "It is all going to end in tears" was one of his favourite phrases. To an extent this image was contrived and perhaps some of the pessimism a sham. He would not have been Jon Akass without a crumpled suit and a gloomy anecdote, but disasters did befall him: a broken leg on the Long March in Morocco, a bashed head in a bidet in Budapest. He was not unknown to the staff as St Bartholomew's Hospital, where he died.

He once thought he had found a reliable craftsman, an Oxford graduate, with whom he spent many hours discoursing in pubs. Only after the London fire brigade had extinguished the fire which gutted his bedroom (started when the man applied a blowtorch to the wallpaper) did he concede that a degree in Florentine history was pehaps not the best qualification for a builder and decorator.

Sadly, his perception, wit and humour were restricted to the readers of those newspapers for which he worked. Unlike some columnists, he did not venture into the world of talk shows and television quiz games.

Though he had converted to Catholicism on his marriage he was not a churchgoing man often arguing that more blood had been spilled in the name of Christ than in any other. However he died a Catholic. His charming Irish wife, Peggy, who had sustained and supported him throughout his demanding and disorganized life, was at his bedside.

Shortly before he died his family were discussing what books to give him when he entered hospital. His brother suggested some poetry by Dylan Thomas. The works of Thomas were well known to Akass who, overhearing the conversation, uttered one of his characteristic expletives. "Stuff Dylan Thomas," he said, "I want to go into that good night as gently as possible."

He leaves his widow and four children.

ART LUND

Art Lund, actor and one of the most popular baritones of the Big Band era, died aged 75 in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 2 of liver cancer. He was born in the same town on April 1, 1925.

STANDING at well over six feet, with blond hair and rugged good looks, Art Lund had a substantial career in America in films as well as on stage and television. He will be remembered above all, though, for his recording of "Blue Skies", a world-wide hit during the 1940s. This together with "My Blue Heaven" and "Mam'selle" became the foundation of a career that had begun in the late 1930s with the Benny Goodman Band.

He was a student singing in small bands when he came to Goodman's attention. After a successful audition he changed his name – he had been born Arthur London – and went on the road with the Goodman's swing band. Lund joined the US Navy in 1942, returning to the band after four years of service in the South Pacific. Acting, especially in musicals, was the next step. He appeared out of town in *Wonderful Town* (1955) and on Broadway first in the early 1950s in an adaptation of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. He was seen in touring companies across America in productions of *Fiorello!*, *No Strings* and *Destry Rides Again*. He was the original Joey in the 1956 Broadway hit musical *The Most Happy Fella*, the Frank Loesser adaptation of *They Knew What They* Wanted, one of the outstanding Broadway productions of the 1950s.

In 1968, Lund moved into films as Frazier, the biggest of *The Molly Maguires* in the picture about the Irish rebel miners. His other movies included *Ten Days Till Tomorrow*, *Decisions, Decisions*, *Bucktown* and *The Last American Hero*.

He first appeared on television in 1951 and was a frequent member of the cast of such internationally screened series as *Gunsmoke*, *Police Story*, *The Rockford Files*, *Little House on the Prairie* and *Daniel Boone*. He was still singing in his seventies and was a frequent guest at Big Band nights around America, touring with the Harry James Band. He recently did a cabaret in Australia.

He is survived by his wife, Janet, and two sons.

GIORGIO MANGANELLI

Giorgio Manganelli, the Italian avant-garde critical theorist and novelist, died in Rome on May 28, at the age of 68. He was born in Milan in 1922.

GIORGIO Manganelli was more famous in France than in England – where European avant-garde developments are hardly noted – and some of his works were translated into French; nonetheless, and in particular for the novel *Hilarotragoedia* (1964) he was regarded as a leading figure by students of Italian literature.

Manganelli first came to public attention in Italy with *Hilarotragoedia* in 1964. This was also the year of the publication of the noisy manifesto of *Gruppo 63* – who called themselves, and were, a "new literary generation". The Group declared, in tones which reminded many of the Futurists of 50 years before, that literature would be solely concerned with experiments in form rather than in subject matter. Thus *Hilarotragoedia*, an iridescent monologue, is as phenomenological as any of the Italian novels which appeared in that highly experimental decade, and, when the period is reappraised, it will take its place in the forefront along with such works as Sanguinetti's *Giuoco dell'oca* (1967) and Leonetti's *Tappeto volante* (also 1967).

Manganelli published, in 1967, an influential volume of essays, *Letteratura come menzogna* (Literature as a Lie) in which he boldly propounded his theory of literature as "non social", provoking and mystifying. He thus lined himself up with the extreme avant garde, refusing to concede an iota to the popular taste for "stories", and providing only what was in his eyes philosophically justified. This went down well in literary circles in France, and even influenced a few American modernists; unfortunately it led English publishers to neglect him. Manganelli was also a gifted translator of Poe.

HIS HONOUR IAN FIFE

His Honour Ian Fife, MC, TD, a Circuit Judge (formerly County Court Judge) from 1965 to 1982, died aged 78 on June 2. He was born on July 10, 1911.

IAN Fife was soldier, lawyer, judge, family man, man of the theatre, tireless servant of his local community, Putney, and more. Before embarking on his life at the Bar and on the Bench he had had a distinguished military career, which was triggered by the war into which he was plunged on leaving school.

He served throughout hostilities, and for two years afterwards, in the Royal Fusiliers. He won the Military Cross for his courage and leadership during the final crossing of the Rhine in 1945.

In that action he was gravely wounded, shot directly through the chest. Part of a lung had to be removed, and he was lucky to live. His family recall with relish his reported words as the bullet struck him – "Oh blast! I've been killed." Fortunately he was wrong, and what he then did, despite his severe wounds, to secure the safety of his men in the face of heavy enemy fire, led directly to his MC.

He remained in the Army until 1947, and in the following year he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple. At the Bar his practice flourished mainly in the industrial injuries field. Indeed such was his prowess that he became the learned editor of "Redgrave", the lawyer's Bible on these matters, a task he continued to undertake until the end of his life. In 1965 he became a County Court Judge, and sat on the bench for nearly 20 years.

The Bar is often seen as an aloof profession; the Bench even more so. Many judges relish being removed from the common herd, on the grounds that their work makes it difficult for them to mingle. Ian Fife showed this to be a total nonsense. His warm compassion as a Judge reflected his close involvement in all facets of his local community, and all sorts and conditions of men and women within it. His judicial qualities marked him out for leadership in everything he did. He worked hard for his local community. He was a founder member of the Putney Society in 1960, and welded it into one of the most effective community groups of its kind in the country. No one did more than he to ensure that Putney is not just another anonymous London suburb, but a proper community.

In all he did he was supported by his wife, Pauline – herself as active as he in the local community. He is survived by her and by their two sons and two daughters.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J.G. Bilton and Miss A.E. Wood
The engagement is announced between Anton, eldest son of Mr G.D.E. Bilton, of Monte Carlo, Monaco, and Mrs E.A. Bilton, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, and Anna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.L. Wood, of Monte Carlo, Monaco.

Mr G.L.E. Boscherini and Miss C.M. Olsen
The engagement is announced between Giuseppe Lapo, son of Mr and Mrs L. Boscherini, of Florence, Italy, and Camille, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Olsen, of Detroit, USA.

Mr R.W. Bourne and Miss J. Akamatsu
The engagement is announced between Robert William, elder son of Sir Wilfrid and Lady Bourne, of Ramsdell, Hampshire, and Jun, elder daughter of the late Mr Akira and Mrs Masue Akamatsu, of Niigata.

M P. Damotte and Miss S.C. Lee
The engagement is announced between Philippe, son of M and Mme Pierre Damotte, of Besançon, France, and Susie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Lee, of Wrea Green, Lancs, and New Delhi, India.

Mr I.P.J. Geikie-Cobb and Miss V.H. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Ivo, elder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Geikie-Cobb, of Palm Cottage, Ballaugh, Isle of Man, and Venetia, only daughter of Mr Jeremy Edwards, of 37 Oakley Gardens, London, and the late Mrs Jenifer Graham.

Mr S.P.S. Davis and Miss M.E. Colbourne
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P.S. Davis, of Ennerdale, and Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M.H. Colbourne, of Solihull.

Mr N.E. Luke and Fräulein S. Willvonseder
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Luke, of 27 Rosary Gardens, South Kensington, London, and Stephanie, younger daughter of Herr and Frau Dr Prof Robert Willvonseder, of Vienna, Austria.

Mr C.W.J. Norman and Miss J.M. Drewett
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Commander A.J. Norman, RCN, and Mrs Norman, of Winterborne Monkton, Dorset, and Judy, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Drewett, of Yeabridge, Somerset.

Mr H.A. Roberts and Miss D.S. Cranmer-Brown
The engagement is announced between Hamish, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Timothy B.A. Roberts, of Tring, Hertfordshire, and Debbie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Cranmer-Brown, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr M.I. Schwartz and Miss E.C. Jeffcock
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Dr and Mrs B. Schwartz, of Yardley, Pennsylvania, and Emma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Jeffcock, of Castletown, Isle of Man.

Marriages

Mr P.K. Gerrard and Miss C.L. Liddell
The marriage took place on Friday, June 1, at the church of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow on the Hill, between Peter Keith, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Gerrard and Charlotte Lucy, daughter of Mr Edward Liddell and the late Mrs Susan Liddell.

Mr D. Sheldon and Miss K. Imrie
The marriage took place in London, on May 24, 1990, of Mr David Sheldon and Miss Kate Imrie.

Mr G.A. Wheatcroft and Miss S.A.N. Muir
The marriage took place on Tuesday, June 5, at St Peter's English Church, Siena, between Mr Geoffrey Wheatcroft, elder son of Mrs S.F. Wheatcroft of Park Walk, Chelsea, London, and of the late Mrs Wheatcroft, and Miss Sally Muir, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Muir, of Anners, Thorpe, Egham, Surrey. The Ven George Westwell officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Ruth Hamann and Daniel Gough. Mr Tobias Rodgers was best man.

Archaeology

Stepping out 3.5 million years ago

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

OUR earliest ancestors walked just like us, a million years before their brains began to develop towards human size. Comparison of the first known hominid footprints with those made by never-shod Amerindians shows that the two gaits are indistinguishable.

The earliest footprints, at Laetoli in Tanzania, are some 3.5 million years old, and have been much discussed since they were found below volcanic ash in the late 1970s. Site G at Laetoli preserves trails made by three individuals over a distance of 27.5 metres (90 feet); one was small, perhaps a child, the other two larger.

Studies of the foot formation and gait of the Laetoli "family" suggested that these were close to, but distinct from, those of modern humans. These observations were, however, made in comparison with living subjects who habitually wore shoes.

Dr Russell H Tuttle and his colleagues at the University of Chicago have now expanded the potential for comparative analysis by documenting the feet and walking patterns of seventy Machiguenga in the Department of Cuzco, high in the Peruvian Andes. The Machiguenga have never worn shoes, and show almost complete overlap in their pedal traits with the Laetoli individuals, who have been most plausibly identified as *Australopithecus afarensis*. An initial plan to study Batak people in the Philippines, a tropical environment closer to that of East Africa than the High Andes, was abandoned after guerrillas deployed into the area.

The experiment was carried out by measuring the anatomical features of the Machiguengas' lower limbs, including the use of a specially designed dial protractor to measure rotation, and then asking the subjects to walk across a carpet of Shutrak, a carbon-paper sandwich which recorded their gait. They were then observed walking across a muddy stream bank, and silicon moulds were made of the most complete footprints of each subject.

"In all discernible plantar features, including foot indices, a space between the hallux (big toe) and second toe, anterior 'fanning' of the foot, a medial longitudinal arch, and overall morphology, the Laeotili G impressions are matched by Machiguenga footprints," Dr Tuttle's group report in the *Journal of Archaeological Science*. "Apparently, going barefoot strengthens the pedal arch instead of inducing flatfootedness."

Mean foot length of the living subjects was matched with their heights to estimate stature for two of the Laetoli individuals: one was 4ft tall, the other 4ft 8in. To match the pace of Machiguenga, however, the Laetoli individuals would have to have been much shorter than predicted from data based on modern human foot-stature indices. There is some indication of a pathological condition in the smaller Laetoli person's footprints, perhaps a damaged right leg.

The foot sizes matched those of Machiguenga between nine and 24 years, in the case of the smaller australopithecine, and 11-67 year-old persons for the larger. "We cannot reliably infer sex or age of the Laetoli printmakers," the investigators say, in contrast to earlier theories which have seen a family group of parents and child recorded in the Laetoli ash.'

Since the Laetoli footprints were found by Dr Mary Leakey there has been a simmering scholarly controversy about the accuracy of their excavation and possible damage to the prints which would invalidate reconstructions of gait and stature based on their details. In a final section of their paper titled "politics and palaver", Dr Tuttle and his colleagues attack this viewpoint, advanced most notably by Dr Don Johanson and his co-worker Dr Tim White, who have recently been working in the Olduvai Gorge area made famous by the early hominid discoveries of Dr Leakey and her late husband, Dr Louis Leakey.

Charges that several prints at Laetoli were "damaged beyond repair in critical, albeit unidentified, areas" are rebutted by the observation that the most important areas were excavated after Dr White had left the project, and that his conclusions are thus based on casts. Dr Tuttle repeats his challenge of two years ago, that "the gossipers either present their own detailed print-by-print analyses or turn to other endeavours, preferably recovering critical fossils instead of fabricating spurious feet from bits of Olduvai and Hadar skeletons.

"We also urge that, until they achieve perfection themselves, they stop trying to undermine the reputations and systematic research of colleagues with rumours and pulpy books."

Describing Drs Johanson and White as rivals of the Leakey team who "try to fill the gaps with plaster constructions and novelised palaver during long spells out of Africa", Dr Tuttle's group argue that "surely, less politics and more poking the ground are in order for the 21st century". The Laetoli footprint trail seems destined to lead to further disputes as the impact of the new research, and these fresh criticisms, becomes felt in the world of palaeoanthropology.

Source: Journal of Archaeological Science 17: 347-362.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Velasquez, Seville, 1599; Pierre Corneille, dramatist, Rouen, 1606; Aleksandr Pushkin, writer, Moscow, 1799; William Ralph Inge, Dean of St Paul's, 1911-34, Crayke, Yorkshire, 1860.

DEATHS: George Anson, Baron Anson, admiral, navigator, Moor Park, Hertfordshire, 1762; Patrick Henry, American statesman, Red Hill, Charlotte County, Virginia, 1799; Henry Grattan, Irish patriot, London, 1820.

Gardeners' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Gardeners' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Alderman D.H.S. Howard; Upper Warden, Mr R.C. Balfour; Renter Warden, Mr D.E. Dowlen.

Research grant

Centre for Business and Public Sector Ethics, Cambridge
The centre has been awarded a research grant of £150,000, over three years, by British Gas to study "Corporate responsibility for the community and the environment". Other leading British companies are expected to join British Gas in supporting research projects formulated by the centre.

Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

The Rt Hon The Lord Plumb, President, The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, spoke at a luncheon held yesterday at the Café Royal after the 130th annual general meeting.

Latest wills

Sir John Anthony Quayle, of London SW3, the actor and director, left estate valued at £611,352 net.

Leopold Oliver Russell, of Kettlebaston, Suffolk, the first director of the British Institute of Management, a former director-general of the Cement and Concrete Association, and chairman of the Cement Makers' Federation, 1976-86, left estate valued at £929,748 net.

Mrs Florence Mary Larkin, of Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex, left estate valued £1,568,293 net.

Mr Alwyn Gwilym Sheppard Fidler, of Reigate, Surrey, the architect of Crawley New Town, left estate valued at £389,831 net.

Major General Edward Stewart Lindsay, retd, of Eversley, Hampshire, formerly Assistant Master General of Ordnance and during the Malayan emergency in the mid 1950s principal staff officer to the High Commissioner, left estate valued at £116,030 net.

Mr Mark Hellyer, of Cherry Burton, North Humberside, retired farmer and company director, left estate valued at £2,852,575 net.

Birthdays today

Sir Derek Alun-Jones, company director, 57; Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, former president, British Academy, 81; Professor B. Bleaney, physicist, 75; Mr Bjorn Borg, tennis player, 34; Lord Carrington, CH, 71; Dame Ninette de Valois, CH, founder, Royal Ballet, 92; Mr Mike Gatting, cricketer, 33; Mr Iain Hamilton, composer, 68; Professor R.A. Humphreys, Latin-American historian, 83; Mr J. Kay-Mouat, President of the States, Alderney, 57; Lord Kings Norton, 88; Mr Willie-John McBride, rugby player, 50; the Marquess of Milford Haven, 29; Sir Douglas Morpeth, chartered accountant, 66; Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman, Post Office, 58; Lord Nugent of Guildford, 83; Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, 71; Dr Ruth Sanger, haematologist, 72; Lord Stodart of Leaston, 74; Mr Klaus Tennstedt, conductor, 64; Mr Frank Tyson, cricketer, 60; Miss Billie Whitelaw, actress, 58.

Winchester College

Roll of Scholars and Exhibitions, 1990

Scholarships: 1 J.R. Arnold (St Bede's School, Eastbourne); 2 J.H. Large (Winchester House School, Brackley); 3 S.C. Boss (Dulwich College Preparatory School); 4 C.J.D. Johnson (Hordle House School, Lymington); 5 (Exhibition) N.A. Miller (Winchester College & Brambletye, E Grinstead); 6 C.A. Forsdyke (Cathedral School, Llandaff); 7 Y.V. Kulieve (Baku School, Azerbaijan, USSR); 8 P.E. Scaffin; 9 M.E. Thorpe (Downsend School, Leatherhead); 10 J.S.S. Frazer (The Arnewood School, New Milton); 11 J.R.S. Elliot (Dulwich College Preparatory School); 12 M.D. Noar (The Stroud School, Romsey); 13 J. Patel (Henry Beaufort School, Winchester); 14 R.C.L. Beale (St George's School, Windsor); 15 N.G.J. Keenan (Terra Nova School, Jodrell Bank); 16 (Exhibition) G.C. Close-Brooks (The Pilgrims' School, Winchester); 17 N.H. Walmsley (West Hill Park School, Titchfield).

Exhibitions: 18 S.O. Rist (Downsend School, Leatherhead); 19 J.E.S. [illegible] (Downsend School, Leatherhead); 20 J.M.A. Bennetts (Horris Hill School, Newbury); 21 J.B. Mills (Abberley Hall, Worcester).

Numbers 5 and 16 placed Exhibition first in their order of preference.

Malory Exhibitions: N.R. Conn (King's School, Winchester); S.D. Hitchens (Court Moor School, Fleet); L.K. Jeffries (The Arnewood School, New Milton); M.L. Pussard (Thornden School, Chandler's Ford).

Dinner

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Mrs Marion Rawlings, President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at 1 Lambeth High Street. Sir Donald Maitland, Chairman of the Health Education Authority, also spoke.

Service dinner

The Rifle Brigade
General Sir Richard Worsley presided at the annual dinner of The Rifle Brigade Club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

St Paul's, Knightsbridge

The vicar and churchwardens invite couples married at St Paul's to the Festival Eucharist (preacher: Canon Colin Semper) as part of the annual Festival of Flowers and Music, on Sunday June 7 at 11 am. (Telephone 071 235 3460).

Appointment

Mr Richard O'Donoghue, former Administrator-Registrar of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, to be Secretary of the Society of Designer-Craftsmen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Help me to understand your laws, and I will meditate on your wonderful teachings. Psalm 119 : 27

BIRTHS

BAILEY - On May 25th, to Deirdre (née Miller) and John, a daughter, Hannah Louise, half sister to Julia Rose.

CAMPBELL - On May 19th, to John and Sharmin, a son, Lachlan John.

CARY - On June 4th, to Joanna (née Sheppard) and Lucius, a daughter, Leltice Lydia Leslie, a sister to Eleanor and Horatio.

GEDDES - On June 2nd, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Fay (née Walker) and David, a daughter, Ella Clementine Ford.

HARTY - On June 1st, at the West London Hospital, to Elly (née Goodall) and Martin, a daughter, Julia Felicity Elly, a sister for Patrick and Thomas.

HOWHOUSE - On May 28th 1990, in Liverpool, to Wera and William, a daughter, Caecilie Elizabeth.

LEE - On June 3rd, at St Mary's Hospital, to Christine and Christopher, a son, Eric Thomson.

MOATE - On May 8th 1990, to Margarita (née Flameling) and Gerard, in Hazel Grove, a daughter, Heather.

POOL - On June 2nd 1990, at Queen Charlotte's, London, to Alison and Richard, a son, William George Griffith.

SHEERIN - On June 5th 1990, to Penny (née Lees) and Paul, a son, William Benedict, a brother for Nicholas.

STRANGE - On June 4th, at Greenwich Hospital, to Claire (née Nelson) and John, a son, Fergus John Arthur.

STUDHOLME - On June 1st 1990, in Harrogate, to Lucy (Desse-Chrystall) and Harry, a daughter, Lorna Jane.

TOMLINSON - On May 30th, to Lesley (née Irvine) and James, a daughter, Hannah Freeman.

WALKER - On May 26th, at Withington Hospital, to Katharine and Nick, a daughter, Anna Claire.

WORTHINGTON - On May 29th, to John and Judith, a son, Thomas Magnus.

MARRIAGES

BREWIS:MERRETT - On June 2nd 1990, at the Church of St John-the Baptist, Layer de la Haye, Henry Sapolin Adams Brewis to Hayley Louise Merrett.

DENIS:HOWGATE - The marriage took place at Lewes Registry Office, on June 2nd, between Mr Patrick L.D. Denis, son of Mr Max Denis of Falls Church, Virginia, U.S.A., and Mrs Margaret McQueen Denis of Hartfield, Sussex, and Miss Jill Howgate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Howgate, of Aberdeen.

DEATHS

BACK - On June 3rd 1990, peacefully in Sutton Scotney, Hampshire, Frederick Charles Douglas, aged 71 years, formerly of Gerrards Cross. Beloved husband of Bernadette, father of Stephen and Nigel and a much loved grandfather. Service at St Peter's Church, Winchester, on Monday June 11th at 11 am. Enquiries to John Steel & Son Ltd., tel: (0962) 844044.

BAILEY - On June 6th 1990, David Gordon Lancie, peacefully in Kent and Canterbury Hospital, aged 52 years. Funeral Service takes place on Thursday June 7th, 2.30 pm, at Selling Church, near Faversham. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Motor Neurone Disease, c/o Hogben & Partis, 37 Stone Street, Faversham.

BLYTHE - On June 3rd 1990, suddenly at home after a long illness borne with great courage, Garth Blythe M.B.E., much loved father of Christopher and dearest friend of the Aylott family. Cremation at the Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell, on Monday June 11th at 1.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Camberley and District Funeral Service, 357 Yorktown Road, College Town, Camberley, Surrey, or donations to the charity of one's choice.

BRADING - On June 5th 1990, Brig. Norman Baldwin Brading C.M.G., C.B.E., peacefully having been in good health, aged 94. Much loved father of Roy and Alison, loved and admired grandfather of Christopher, Jenny, Mark, Jonathan, Peter and David and great-grandfather of Ben. Enquiries: Alison (08675) 4745.

BROCKENHUUS-SCHACK - On June 4th 1990, Count Henrik Brockenhuus-Schack O.B.E., peacefully at home, in Denmark, aged 90. Very dear husband of Alette and father of Harald, Dagmar, Olni and Erik.

BUTLER-COLE - On June 3rd 1990, peacefully at home, Isobel Nightingale Clarke, aged 81. Wife of the late Robert, mother of Nicholas, grandmother of Ben and Imogen. Funeral Service on Saturday June 9th at 2.30 pm at Beetham Parish Church. Family flowers only please, but donations to Save the Children Fund, c/o Barclays Bank, 38 Market Street, Lancaster.

CAMPBELL - On June 4th, Major General Victor David Graham Campbell, CB, DSO, OBE, DL, JP, aged 85, of Beggar's Bush, South Brent, Devon. Loving husband of Dulce and stepfather of David Goodwin and Jenny Savery. Funeral Service St Petroc's Church, South Brent, 2.30 pm Saturday June 9th. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Army Benevolent Fund by retiring collection or c/o R Savery, Lincombe, Diptford, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 7PE.

CARRIE - On May 26th, peacefully, Cicely, of Corton, Presteigne, in her 91st year. Cremation took place at Hereford.

CRIPPS - On June 1st 1990, Harry James, late of Pan American Airways, Shannon/Heathrow, suddenly, aged 68. He will be sorely missed by his wife Eva and all his family and friends.

CULPIN - On June 3rd, Howard. Husband of Betty. Leaves four children-Althea, Rafe, Phyllida, Lucinda.

DAVIES - On June 3rd 1990, John A., of 'Rosanna' Georgetown Road, St Saviour, Jersey, peacefully at Clifton Nursing Home, Bagatelle Lane, St Saviour, Jersey, dearest husband of Peggy, father of Max, Catherine and Josephine, stepfather of David, Elizabeth and Jane. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The Funeral Service will be held at the Jersey Crematorium, Westmount Road, St Helier, Jersey, on Friday June 8th 1990 at 11.30 am. Flowers if desired may be sent to Pitcher & Le Quesne, 59 Kensington Place, St Helier, Jersey, by 9 am Friday or donations if desired may be sent to the Rotary Club of Jersey Charities c/o The Treasurer, Mr A. Le Ruez, Keston, Les Ruisseaux Estate, St Brelade, Jersey.

de BUNSEN - On June 4th, in hospital after a short illness, Sir Bernard de Bunsen, C.M.G., aged 82. Dearly beloved husband of Joan and of his whole family. Funeral Service at Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, NW3, Monday June 11th at 12.30 pm. A Thanksgiving Service is to be held at a later date. No flowers please; donations to The Noel Buxton Trust.

DENNISTOUN - On June 5th 1990, peacefully at home, Nancy, aged 81 years. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, East Garston, at 3 pm June 13th.

DENTON - On June 5th 1990, peacefully after a short illness, at Bunkers Hill, George Henry Denton. The Funeral Service will be held at the Parish Church of St Mary, Rushden, Northamptonshire, on Monday June 25th 1990 at 11.30 am, followed by cremation at Kettering Crematorium. All enquiries please to Ann Bonham & Son Funeral Directors, 71 St Giles Street, Northampton (0604) 34368.

DOUGLAS - On June 5th 1990, in Okehampton, Devon, Peter John McKechnie, aged 77 years, Priest, Captain RNR (Rtd) VDR*, so greatly loved by Elizabeth and Catherine. Funeral strictly private. Memorial Service at Okehampton Parish Church on Monday June 11th at 2.30 pm at which everyone is welcome. No flowers please, but donations in lieu to Christian Aid or The National Trust for Scotland.

DUNCAN - On Tuesday June 5th 1990, in hospital after a short illness, Leslie Warren, of Northwood and formerly of Chestnut Cottage, Pinner, aged 85 years: beloved husband of the late Betty, father of Michael, Mary and Robert and loving Papa of their children. Funeral at Breakspear Crematorium, 11.15 am Monday June 11th. Family flowers only please.

FIFE - On Saturday June 2nd, Ian, dearest husband of Pauline and father of Richard, Alison, Jessica and Hugh. Funeral on Tuesday June 12th at Putney Vale Crematorium at 4 pm. Memorial Celebration at noon on Tuesday July 10th at St Mary's Church, Putney.

HAPPÉ - On June 3rd 1990, on the Feast of Pentecost, after a recent illness, Louis Bernard, much loved husband of Betty and father of Peter, Robin, Barry and Martin. Requiem Mass 11.30 on June 11th 1990 at St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Road, East Twickenham. Flowers to F.W. Paine, Church Street, Twickenham.

HARRIS - On June 3rd, peacefully at home in Hampstead, Walter B. Harris, aged 86, of New Zealand. Service at St Peter's Church, Belsize Square, NW3, on Thursday June 7th at 1 pm.

HEARN - On June 4th, Robert Edward, peacefully after a brief illness patiently borne. Enquiries to J.J. Allen, Westbourne Funeral Home, Bournemouth 0202-763765.

McINTOSH - On June 5th 1990, peacefully at Clatterbridge Hospital, Margaret (Mollie), loving wife of Campbell, companion of Sparkle, sister-in-law of Rosemary, Margaret and Gordon. Service at Christchurch, Barnston (Heswall), Wirral, on Friday June 8th at 10 am, followed by interment at Trinity Road Churchyard, Hoylake. All flowers and enquiries to Quinns Funeral Service, Wirral, tel: (051) 625 5274.

NAIRN - On June 5th 1990, peacefully at Chatterwood Nursing Home, Liss, Elsie Macdonald (née Barclay), aged 92. Dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Buriton, on Friday June 8th at 2.30 pm. No flowers, donations if desired to The National Autistic Society, 276 Willesden Lane, London NW2.

NEWMAN - On June 2nd 1990, peacefully in Johannesburg after a long illness, Sydney Charles Newman, former Rhodes Scholar, England Rugby International and Mining Engineer. Deeply mourned by family and friends.

OLIPHANT - On Saturday June 2nd 1990, peacefully at Buchanan House, Fraserburgh, William Douglas Oliphant, aged 83 years, B.Sc., C.Eng., F.I.E.E., F.R.S.E., formerly of Ben Lee, Scarfskerry, beloved husband of the late Helen Barr Tonar, dearly loved father of Sandy, Jack and Helen and loving grandfather of Sandra, John, Rachel and Hilary. Funeral Service at Canisbay Church, Caithness, on Thursday June 7th at 12 noon. All friends respectfully invited. Resting in A. Buchan and Son's Rest Rooms, Denmark Street, Fraserburgh.

ROBINSON - On June 4th, peacefully in hospital in London, after a short illness, Wanda Veronica Robinson, aged 64. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel) on Friday June 8th at 3.20 pm. Donations to charity in lieu of flowers.

SALTER - On May 31st, suddenly at his home, Roy Sidney George (Rex), of Woodland Cottage, Akeley Wood, Akeley, near Buckingham. Father of Hugh, Fiona, Clare and Robert and grandfather of Adam. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium on Friday June 8th at 2 pm. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation c/o R.J. Tyrrell, 21 Lambourne Crescent, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

SILMAN - On June 3rd 1990, suddenly, Harold Silman B.Sc., C.Eng., F.R.I.C., F.I.Chem.E., F.I.M., F.I.M.F. Greatly loved husband of Claire, father of Rosalind and Geoffrey, father-in-law of Gerald and grandfather of Marina and Nicola.

STABLES - On June 2nd 1990, in hospital, following an illness bravely borne, Peter Aubrey, brother of John. Cremation at Golders Green on Tuesday June 12th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon Ltd., tel: (071) 723-3277.

SUTHERLAND - On Sunday June 3rd 1990, after a long illness borne with great courage, aged 61 years, at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, Captain Keith R.N., of Christopher Way, Emsworth. Dearly loved husband of Avryl and devoted father to Christopher, Andrew and Fiona. Sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral Service St Thomas A Beckett Church, Warblington, on Monday June 11th at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired in aid of Ward C3, St Mary's Hospital, c/o W. Wraight & Son, The Square, Emsworth, Hants.

TALLENT - On June 2nd, peacefully at The London Bridge Hospital, Helen Lee, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Hermann Brandt of New York and dearest wife of John (Tally). Cremation private, donations to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1. Service of Thanksgiving July 3rd, Lyonshall Church, Herefordshire, 3 pm.

THORN - On June 1st 1990, Elizabeth Ann 'Liz' (née Wilson), beloved wife of Robert and mother of Adam, Emily, Rachel and Thomas. Funeral Service St Feock Church, near Truro, Friday June 8th at 2.30 pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

THURNER - On May 24th, in St Thomas' Hospital after a long illness, Iris, wife of Walter, loving mother of Lyndsay and Vivienne. Sadly missed by all her family, grandchildren and friends. "Brief is life, but long is love." Service was held at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday May 31st.

TICKELL - On Saturday June 2nd 1990, Joseph Hollick de la Taste, Squire of Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire, peacefully after a long illness met with great courage. Private service at the Village Church of St Mary and St Andrew, Whittlesford, on Monday June 11th at 3 pm, prior to cremation. A Remembrance Service will be held at the Village Church, Whittlesford, on Wednesday June 20th at 11.30 am. No flowers, donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o H.J. Paintin Ltd., 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge, CB1 6HS.

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ATALANTA IN CALYDON

If it be hard to reproduce the courtiers and soldiers of Queen Anne's day, it is far harder faithfully to portray the heroes of pre-historic Greece. Yet this is the task which Mr. Swinburne has imposed upon himself in his tragedy of *Atalanta in Calydon*. He has not been content to present us with an ancient myth arrayed in modern trappings; he has diligently modelled his tragedy on the strictest traditions of the Greek theatre.

[The reviewer then roughly outlines the story of the warrior Meleager. He, having served under Jason in the Golden Fleece expedition, later gets into the bad books of the goddess Artemis who sends a ferocious boar to ravage the country of Calydon. A great hunt ensues; the mighty huntress Atalanta wounds the beast but Meleager slays it yielding to her the spoils of the chase thus infuriating the brothers of his mother Althaea; Meleager kills them both; this maddens his mother, who had idolized him but who, since his birth, has had the power to sustain his life, or end it. She uses that power and he dies.]

It appears to us that Mr. Swinburne has fully entitled himself by this performance to rank among the younger poets of our day, but that as a dramatist he has comparatively failed. He is gifted with no small portion of the all-important Divine fire without which no man can hope to achieve poetic success; he possesses considerable powers of description, a keen eye for natural scenery, and a copious vocabulary of rich yet simple English. In this last particular he has the merit of using indigenous words without displaying an affected preference for Anglo-Saxon derivatives. As a dramatist (we must bear in mind the inherent difficulty of the task) we think he has hardly attained such success as that gifted writer, Mr Matthew Arnold (whose poems merit to be more widely known), reached in his *Merope*. Mr Arnold chose a better story, although its main interest was rather melodramatic than tragic, for the heroine recognizes her son AEpytus when about to kill him, and when that happy consummation has taken place the reader feels but a languid interest in the fate of the usurper Polyphontes. Now, in *Atalanta in Calydon* the tragic interest is not awakened till towards the end of the play, the earlier portion of which is taken up with lengthened speeches, finely expressed in themselves, but exciting little desire in the reader's mind to know what is coming next. In this respect Mr. Swinburne is colder and icier than the much maligned Greek tragedians themselves...

In Mr. Swinburne's play there is little or no attempt to delineate character, but here the author would probably justify himself by the usage of the Greek theatre, which looked less to character as the source of incidents than to the incidents themselves, as arising from inexorable Fate... We cannot, however, pardon Mr. Swinburne for making so little of Atalanta. She ought to be the heroine of the book, but, although we come prepared to like her, she eludes our grasp like an unsubstantial phantom. There was room on Mr. Swinburne's canvas for a fine character-study of Atalanta, depicted as a Joan-of Arc, supposing that the doughty Maid of Orleans had lived in the old picturesque polytheistic days. As the tragedy stands, Althaea is the central figure, and also the most interesting character, although here, again, modern feelings lessen our sympathy for a woman who, like Mrs. Crupp, is "a mother herself," and yet preaches against Meleager's preference for his beautiful hunting companion with the acrid fervour of an elderly nun.

We must now part from our author with cordial congratulations on the success with which he has achieved so difficult a task. But we hope hereafter to meet him in a more favourable field of action, where, to revert to the metaphor with which we commenced, he may have his limbs at full liberty, and so be able to do ampler justice to his undoubted powers as a poet.

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1. To receive the Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1989.
2. To re-elect a Director. The Director retiring by rotation is Sir Leslie Young who is eligible for re-election.
3. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as Auditors to the Company and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.

DATED 6th June 1990
By order of the Board
D. BLEAZARD
Secretary

REGISTERED AND HEAD OFFICE:
Pioneer House
16 Crosby Road North
Waterloo
Liverpool L22 0NY

NOTES:
1. A member entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy must be a member of the Company.

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of Commonwealth Trust will be held on Wednesday 13th June 1990 at 5.15 in the Commonwealth Hall at Commonwealth House, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Fellows of the Royal Commonwealth Society will be held on Wednesday 13th June at 6.15 pm in the Commonwealth Hall at Commonwealth House, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of The Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship will be held on Wednesday 13th June at 3.00 pm in the Commonwealth Hall at Commonwealth House, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2.

REVERTER OF SITES ACT 1987
EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHTS
WALTON BRECK HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL
DIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

WHEREAS

1. By a Conveyance dated 16th July 1864 between Ellen Chaffers Robert Dutton Grindley and William Kenney Tyrer of the first part and the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Chester of the second part the site of what became known as the Walton Breck Holy Trinity School was granted to the said Lord Bishop of Chester as trustee pursuant to Section 2 of the School Sites Act 1841.
2. The said School premises ceased to be used for the purposes of a voluntary school on 31st August 1983 and pursuant to Section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 a trust for sale has arisen in respect of the said premises

NOW TAKE NOTICE

1. The Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance have made application to the Secretary of State for Education and Science for the inclusion of the above named school in a future Order under Section 2 of the Education Act 1973, the purpose of the Order to allow the assets of the foundation to be used for the benefit of new and continuing schools of the same denomination within the Diocese. The same Order will extinguish the rights of any beneficiary under the trust for sale
2. Any beneficiary who wishes to oppose the extinguishment of his rights should notify his claim in writing to the Diocesan Registry, Church House, Hanover Street, Liverpool, L1 3DW not later than the 30th day of September 1990.

Dated 31st May 1990
Roger H. Arden
Diocesan Registrar

NOTICE
Mr Cecil B Morgan or any of his family are requested to contact the office of Mr A Barone, solicitor, for a communication of personal interest and benefit, at the following address:
Mr A Barone, LL.B.
62 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HZ.

THE BRITISH LEBANESE ASSOCIATION LTD
The Annual General Meeting of the British Lebanese Association Ltd will be held in The Small Hall of Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, Kensington, London W8 7NX on Monday 25th June 1990, beginning at 6.30 pm.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 005346 OF 1990
IN THE MATTER OF FISONS plc
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 30th April 1990 confirming the cancellation of the share premium account of the above named company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 4th May, 1990.
Dated this 6th day of May 1990
Allen & Overy
9 Cheapside
London EC2V 6AD
Solicitors for the company

RAINBOW SATELLITE AND SECURITY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at New Clifton Hotel, Talbot Square, Blackpool, FY1 1ND on Thursday 14th June 1990 at 2.15 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is further given that David A.T. Wood, F.C.A., of Latham Crossley & Davis, Arkwright House, Parsonage Gardens, Manchester is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors free of charge with such information as they may reasonably require pursuant to section 98 (2) (a).
By Order of the Board
Mr P Aldred, Director
Dated 24th May 1990

IN THE MATTER OF S A FIELD LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before the 18th day of July 1990, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned Alan D Kennington, FCA, Haines Watts, Stanhope House, 110 Drury Lane, London WC2B 5ST the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 30th day of May 1990
A.D Kennington, Liquidator
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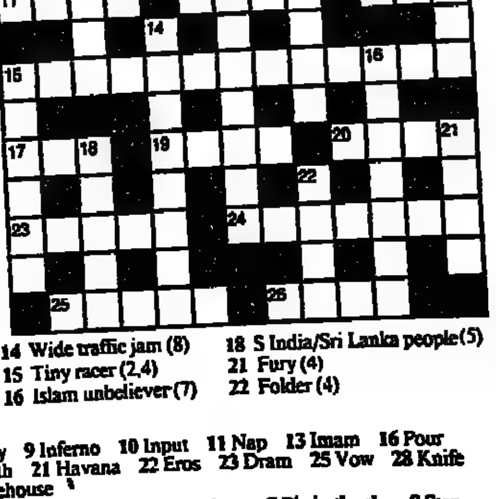

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The children of the revolution

Glasnost can open the door to an English education, Elizabeth Roberts reports

The announcement this month that Winchester College has offered a scholarship to a gifted youngster from the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan seems to confirm a trend which is unexpected even in these days of *glasnost*. The élite centres of British education — the independent public schools and our top universities — have become acceptable places for the education of high-flyers from the USSR.

A sign that entrenched attitudes have changed dramatically came when a discussion of the virtues of sending one's child to a British boarding school appeared among the weighty topics on a recent agenda of the newly-created 12-man Presidential Council headed by Mr Gorbachov in the Kremlin. Susan Cameron, the headmistress of Downe House school in Berkshire (467 girls, fees £2,530 a term) has been assured by a member of the council, the writer and politician Chingiz Aitmatov, from Kirghizia, in Soviet Central Asia, that her name is in the minutes to prove it.

Mr Aitmatov's daughter Shirin, aged 13, is just finishing her first year at Downe House. Shirin was bitten by the boarding school bug two years ago when she accompanied her parents to England for the launch of her father's novel, *The Scaffold*. Mr Aitmatov, who was worried that Shirin would be bored by the publicity trip, asked if she could spend a week at Cobham Hall, Kent, where Miss Cameron was then the head. He and his wife, Maria, had visited Cobham on a previous trip to England, and had been impressed by the lively, happy atmosphere of a modern girls' boarding school where girls of many different nationalities study together.

Cobham Hall is a member of the Kurt Hahn group of schools. The schools are internationalist in outlook, with an emphasis on community service and character-building rather than academic pot-hunting. Shirin spent a happy week, and her father asked if she could join Downe House, Miss Cameron's new school, last September.

Shirin and Miss Cameron obviously hit it off. "She is amazing," Miss Cameron says. "She is much stronger as a person than most English girls of her age — considering how different everything is here." Shirin had learnt some English before coming to England, but it was a challenge for her to do all her classes in English. "She has to be disciplined and just get on with everything. She had a tutor in Russia. I think she was rather spoilt. Here she enjoys being in a community."

When the subject of Shirin's attendance at a British boarding school came up at a recent meeting of the Presidential Council, Mr Aitmatov explained: "We want the best for our children, and the English education system is the best in the world." He is using his foreign currency royalties to pay his daughter's fees.

After a year at the school, Shirin's conversation is peppered with slang expressions such as "no way". She has a disconcerting habit of answering questions very decisively, usually in one sentence. Was it difficult to be born into one culture, (Kirghizian), raised in another (Russian) and be educated in a third, I wondered. "No." What are your best subjects? "Religious Studies and English." Has your father got any time for writing these days? "Yes, one book about whales, and another about an icon." Do you like his books? "I don't like his books." Have you told him? "He knows." Are you homesick? "That is ridiculous."

Ignat Solzhenitsyn

Another Soviet student, Gleb Shestakov, will not risk returning home to Moscow this summer in case his exit visa is not renewed. He is a graduate student of philosophy at Balliol, Oxford — the first likely to gain his M.Litt there since the revolution. His father is a professor in the history of art and philosophy at the Academy of Art in Moscow.

Gleb, aged 25, entered the competition for one of the new scholarships for Eastern European students to attend Western universities organized by the Hungarian-born American businessman, George Shoros.

The scholarship was for only one year, a time which Gleb says was "mostly spent finding money and working on my English". The fees for his second year are being underwritten by John Paul Getty, but he is also expected to find some of the funds himself. Mr Getty offered the guarantee after being approached for help by an Oxford academic.

Although Gleb had been to a special English language school, he says: "My first essays were no good at all. I was of a standard where I could just about write a one-page letter to a friend. But a lot of people helped me. Also, half-way through the year I realized I had only chosen the original subject of my dissertation, aesthetics of post-modernism, to avoid censorship at home. So I changed to Kantian aesthetics."

He hopes to up-grade from an M.Litt to a Ph.D if he can raise the cash. "There is something that George Shoros does not understand about the way the course of events can be changed in my country. There is no way that I would ever be accepted institutionally to propagate Western values there. It has to be underground fighting."

Gleb co-operates with a group named the Association for Free Russia and is a suppporter of the All Russian Christian Democratic Movement, one of the myriad small political organizations which have sprung up in Russia. He spends all his free time on political causes, such as the attempt last week to raise money to buy a printing press for a radical Moscow borough council. He is being helped by Professor Roger Scruton, of Birkbeck College, and Jessica Douglas-Home, the widow of a former Editor of *The Times*, Charles Douglas-Home.

Gleb says of the English education experience: "I like the way the university operates, there is real freedom of speech. It is amazing after Moscow University, where people try to keep their thoughts to themselves. I had ceased noticing that after seven years. However the library (the Bodleian) is not well organized — it's not computerized yet."

ADRIAN BROOKS

High-flyers who have lauded: Gleb Shestakov and Shirin Aitmatov, in Hyde Park

Ignat Solzhenitsyn's English education owes nothing to *glasnost*. He left the Soviet Union at 11 months old when his father, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, was sent into exile. He came to Britain from the United States when he was 15 to take his A levels in Music and French at the Purcell School in Harrow.

The musically talented third of Solzhenitsyn's four sons finds London an ideal base, but says: "I feel myself to be Russian and I certainly hope it will be possible for me to go back. But my father was thrown out, stripped of his citizenship and accused of or retracted, so I won't go until my father can go back."

He has taken a year away from full-time education, rented a basement flat in Notting Hill, and is concentrating on his career as a pianist, giving concerts here, in Spain and in the United States. He is also teaching the piano to children.

"London is the most interesting city in the world from the point of view of music because of the amount and quality of concerts," he says. "Many important musicians choose to live in London and there are many artists who come here. Apart from the musical atmosphere, there is the theatre, great museums and so on. The museums and so on. The culture is very strong.

"I like this country very much. The newspaper and television reporting is much more professional. Television news in America is like entertainment." Ignat noticed that English education tends toward specialization at a very early age. The Purcell School suffered while he was there from a shortage of pianos and practice rooms, both of which have since been remedied.

But he considers his English education a positive experience. He looks to the future, and to a possible return to his homeland with a wistful longing: "I would love to do any small thing to try to make any input I can."

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Asian accent on generosity

Giving to charity on strictly sectarian lines shows signs of breaking down

Forty or so Asian businessmen sat down to dinner at Kensington Palace last night with the Prince of Wales and the Aga Khan. Charity dinners may be common in that high-powered world, but this was one with a difference. Not only did it involve a great deal of money — £5 million, raised remarkably quickly — it also represented a shift in the giving patterns of wealthy Asians. Maneck Dalal, a company vice-chairman, and Swraj Paul, a company chairman and one of Britain's better-known Asian millionaires, both acknowledge the shift, though they have different interpretations.

To understand its nature and the significance of the meeting — held to launch the Community Affairs Appeal of the Prince's Youth Business Trust — we have to go back in time. Standing outside a London lawyer's office in the summer of 1977, you might have seen a small south Indian man enter discreetly. Inside, he opened his briefcase: it was full of money. Mathoor Krishnamurti had come, with the backing of Asian business, to buy a church and turn it into an Indian community cultural centre.

A trifle dramatic, Mr Krishnamurti, now director of the centre, says today: it was only £10,000 for the deposit. But there is no doubt about the wealth of Asian business, its concern for community matters, and the defensive and slightly surreptitious aspect to its dealings.

The "clannishness" of Asian communities has become a by-word in popular perception. Sectarianism has been the basis of Asian giving — Sikh money for Sikh causes, Hindu money for Hindu causes. Mr Krishnamurti's big old church — the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, or Institute of Indian Culture, in West Kensington, west London — receives 70 per cent of its support from Asian business, but opposes sectarianism, he says. "People say, do a *puja* [service] every week and you will get £1,000, but we don't want to collect money in the name of religion, for that is hypocrisy."

The giving to the Prince's Trust is of quite a different order. The money will go to develop businesses in the whole — not just Asian — youth community (though young Asians, who do not at present apply in significant numbers, are to be targeted). It is British Asian money for an *Establishment British cause*.

Nor is this the only sign of change. At a gathering last month at St James's Palace, Asians were induced to give to the rebuilding of the Globe Theatre. "Why not?" asked Zerbanoo Gifford, writer, politician and adviser to the Prince's Trust. "We like Shakespeare too." And in Leeds, the Indian Association this year contributed to the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal for the first time.

Mr Paul supports the trend, seeing it as "a matter of feeling at home". Mr Dalal believes the change in outlook has worked both ways: charities had also seen Asians as separate entities in the past and not approached them. As well, growing prosperity has led to broader giving.

Nazmu Virani, the prime mover in the Prince's initiative, believes Asians must learn from past experience, particularly in Africa in the early 1970s. "We made mistakes there," he says. "We were terribly involved in the commercial aspect, and left the social one absolutely open."

> 'I think the Asians are becoming more English in their giving'

Mr Virani is determined that the success of his property and leisure business should benefit Asian youth — "but not only Asians — it is important that it is for all backgrounds". When the Home Farm Trust, which helps disabled children, needed £750,000 to build a new home, Mr Virani put his theory into practice: "Take the money. Do it. But do it quickly. And in London."

Sceptics will say that a less august figure than the Prince of Wales would have attracted less support, but Mrs Gifford disagrees. "I've been involved in national charities since the 1970s and I've seen a change: I think the Asians are becoming more English in their giving. While the English are happy to give impersonally, the Asians have liked to be more involved, which is why they've given to their own communities in the past. But charity begins at home, and this is now home."

NASEEM KHAN

Beating a retreat on the tattoo

Should the law be changed to make body 'art' less than skin deep?

It is difficult to imagine any young woman daft or drunk enough to get the words "mild" and "bitter" tattooed above each nipple. However, should she go ahead, it is not so difficult to imagine her regretting the decision a few years later.

John Terry, the director of the National Hospital of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, who cited this case as an example, says: "People who get tattooed often wish they had not. Later on they are embarrassed or humiliated. Tattoos are proof that at some stage they went a bit mad."

Because most people have their tattoos done when they are young, Mr Terry has come up with an idea he believes could alleviate a great deal of distress. He has written to Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, calling for legislation to make tattooists, who are licensed by the district health authorities, use ink that fades in five years. "If, after five years, the client wished the tattoo to be made permanent, he or she could return to have this done."

Mr Terry was inundated with requests for tattoo removal when the hospital began using a pulse dye laser machine, which removes "port wine" birthmarks. He says: "The sad fact is that our laser cannot help them. They would be swapping one disfigurement for another."

Tattooist Kevin Angell, of Bristol, says people do think about it for a long time. If temporary tattoos were available (which they are not), Mr Angell doubts whether clients would want them. "You can get transfers which last for a week or so. But having a tattoo is about making a permanent decision. It's like buying a house or getting married."

He disputes claims that many people live to regret their decision to patronize a professional tattooist. "But they regret mucking about at school with ink and a pen. I get asked to do a lot of cover-ups for that kind of thing. And names, people regret having names . . ." Mr Angell says that tattoos have crossed the class barrier. "And women are coming in for tiny tattoos on their ankles, shoulders or hips. There has been a big boom in things such as roses, hearts, unicorns and small tiger heads."

Nevertheless, it seems that people *do* ornament themselves in haste and repent at leisure. Tattoos are still far from easy to remove.

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INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
MAXROGRAF LIMITED
- IN RECEIVERSHIP

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 46 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above company will be held at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA at 10.00 am on 19 June 1990.
In order to vote, details of your claim must be lodged at 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA not later than 12 noon on 7th June 1990. In addition, a form of proxy must also be lodged prior to the meeting.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Creditors whose claims are partially secured should deduct the value of their security from their total claim and they will only be allowed to vote on the unsecured portion of their claim. Creditors should note that the Administrative Receiver can call any document or other evidence to be produced to substantiate their claim.
Date: 23 May 1990
J J Schapira,
Joint Administrative Receiver

In the matter of the Companies Act 1988 and in the matter of WILLS ENGINEERED POLYMERS LIMITED
(Company Number 2313630)
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with section 175 Companies Act 1985 that Wills Engineered Polymers Limited has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares for purchase.
NOTICE is further given that the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares to be acquired is £43,000 and a Special Resolution approving a capital payment in that sum was passed on 25th May 1990 in accordance with section 173 Companies Act 1985. The Statutory Declaration of the Directors and the Auditors' Report required by section 173 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office at Dunball Park, Dunball, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 4TP.
ANY creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the special resolution apply to the Court under section 176 of the Companies Act for an order prohibiting the payment out of capital.
Dated the 31st day of May 1990
Burges Salmon
Narrow Quay House
Prince Street
Bristol BS1 4AH
Solicitors to the above named Company

CITATION PROPERTIES LIMITED
I, TERENCE JOHN ROPER F.I.P.A., of POPPLETON & APPLEBY, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on the 16th May 1990 by the Members & Creditors.
Dated: 1st June 1990
T.J. Roper, F.I.P.A.
Liquidator

CITATION HOMES LIMITED
I, TERENCE JOHN ROPER F.I.P.A., of POPPLETON & APPLEBY, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on the 16th May 1990 by the Members & Creditors.
Dated: 1st June 1990
T.J. Roper, F.I.P.A.
Liquidator

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
I, T J. ROPER FIPA of POPPLETON & APPLEBY, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on the 10th May 1990 by the Members & Creditors.
Dated: 1st June 1990
T.J. Roper, F.I.P.A.
Liquidator

CITATION DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
I, TERENCE JOHN ROPER F.I.P.A., of POPPLETON & APPLEBY, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on the 16th May 1990 by the Members & Creditors.
Dated: 1st June 1990
T.J. Roper, F.I.P.A.
Liquidator

U.M.E.A. LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at New Clifton Hotel, Talbot Square, Blackpool, FY1 1ND on Thursday 14th June 1990 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is further given that David A.T. Wood, F.C.A., of Latham Crossley & Davis, Arkwright House, Parsonage Gardens, Manchester is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors free of charge with such information as they may reasonably require pursuant to section 98 (2)(a).
Mr P Aldred, Director
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Dated 24th May 1990

RAINBOW WINDOW COMPANY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at New Clifton Hotel, Talbot Square, Blackpool, FY1 1ND on Thursday 14th June 1990 at 2.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
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Mr P Aldred, Director
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Dated 24th May 1990

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF SEA-GRANN LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
The liquidators of Sea-Grann Limited give notice under the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that they intend to make an interim dividend to the unsecured creditors of the company within four months of 22 June 1990.
Creditors who have not already done so, must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the joint liquidator Dipankar Mohan Ghosh at Price Waterhouse at 10 Bricket Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 3JX by 21 June 1990, which is the last day for submitting claims. A creditor who does not make a claim by that date will not be included in the proposed interim distribution.
DN Ghosh
Joint Liquidator
31 May 1990

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Car Jacques Travel Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trafalgar House, Grenville Place, Mill Hill, London NW7 on Monday 11th June 1990 at 11 a.m. for the purposes provided in Sections 98 et seq.
A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Richard J.Hyams & Co., Trafalgar House, Grenville Place, London NW7 3SA between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 24th day of May 1990
J. Jacques, Director

S A FIELD LIMITED
Take notice that the undersigned, Alan D. Kenningham, FCA, of Haines Watts Insolvency Services, Stanhope House, 110 Drury Lane, London WC2B 5SY was appointed Liquidator of S A Field Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the Company's members held on 23rd May 1990.
A.D. Kenningham, Liquidator
Dated this 30th day of May 1990

PALMERSTONE LIMITED
I, TERENCE JOHN ROPER F.I.P.A., of POPPLETON & APPLEBY, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on the 2nd May 1990 by the Members & Creditors.
Dated: 1st June 1990
T.J. Roper, F.I.P.A.
Liquidator

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on Wednesday the 13th day of June 1990 at 11 o'clock in the fore noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Statements of claim, and proxy forms if applicable, must be lodged at 20 Farringdon Street not later than 12 noon on the 12th day of June 1990.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on 11th and 12th June 1990.
Dated this 4th day of June 1990
By Order of the Board
K Barnes
Director or Secretary

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TMV GROUP LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
COMPANY NUMBER 416988
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to S.48(2) Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at The Eden Park Hotel, 422 Upper Elmers End Road, Eden Park, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3HQ on Wednesday 20th June 1990 at 2.30 pm.
In accordance with Rule 3.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, a creditor shall only be entitled to vote if:
a) Details of any debt claimed are submitted to the Receivers in writing no later than 12 noon on 19th June 1990 the business day prior to the meeting, and
b) where the creditor cannot attend in person a form of proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf is lodged with the Receivers before the meeting.
Creditors whose claims are fully secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Claims and proxies should be sent to the Administrative Receivers at Touche Ross & Co
55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX
Dated: 4th June 1990
For and on behalf of TMV Group Limited
A R Houghton & J P Richards
Joint Administrative Receivers
Touche Ross & Co
55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX

Number of the Company: 1057812
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
UNI-COM ELECTRONICS LIMITED
At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above-named company, duly convened and held at 55/57 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX on 23rd May 1990 the following EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION was duly passed:-
"THAT it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind-up the same, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily"
The following ORDINARY RESOLUTION was duly passed by the meeting:-
"THAT Mr Christopher Morris of Touche Ross & Co at 55/57 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX be, and he is hereby, appointed liquidator of the company".
MR GEORGE KOHBEL
Chairman
Presented by:
Touche Ross & Co
55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX
Attested by:
P.S. Antoniou, BA ACA
Chartered Accountant

UNI-COM ELECTRONICS LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP AND LIQUIDATION)
Registered Office and Principal Trading Address: Enterprise Way, Edenbridge, Kent.
Company Number: 1057812
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that on 23rd May 1990 I, Christopher Morris was appointed Liquidator of the above named company (Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claim in writing to me at the following address quoting reference CXM/CRFD/MP:-
Touche Ross & Co
55/57 High Holborn,
London WC1V 6DX
C MORRIS, Liquidator

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF TURNER MANUFACTURING PENSION NOMINEES LIMITED - COMPANY NUMBER: 1625926
On 25 May 1990 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Philip Edward Baldwin of Price Waterhouse, Livery House, 169 Edmund Street, Birmingham, B3 2JB appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 31 July 1990 which is the last day for proving claims. the liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date 30 May 1990
Philip Edward Baldwin
Liquidator

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Is it possible that women drink simply because they like it? Jane Ellison calls time on the sociologists

Girls just want to have fun

I was reading one of those irresistible surveys about drink the other day, the ones which show you just how many glasses of wine or double whiskies other people claim to drink a day, and how bad it is for you. Are they really telling the truth? Do they really drink so little? Do I really drink so much?

But then I am a woman, and thus something of a problem to the sociologists who put these mysterious surveys together. The statistics for male and female drinking are neatly tabulated in elegant columns, and there is always a picture of me. Sometimes I am shrouded in tactful, anonymous shadow, hunched over a half-empty bottle; sometimes I am represented by an artist's drawing, as I gaze into a glass while a toddler regards me imploringly. Women, it seems, do not just go out and have a drink, like men do. Women "drink". They have a funny "relationship" with their bottle of wine that men do not have with their pint. More than 14 units a week, and we have a "drink problem". More than 21 and we are advised to go and see a specialist.

Why do women "drink"? Because they like a glass of wine or a gin and tonic? No, that's far too simple. The question occupies an important area of sociological research. Almost every week there are detailed new studies of the relationship between women and alcohol, predicting that today's publishing director or marketing manager will be tomorrow's casualty. Last week a health department conference was told that "... they [women] do appear to be drinking more like men as they achieve greater equality". It's a short step for these wretched women from the boardroom Chardonnay to the cardboard box at Waterloo Station. Having fought men to acquire executive power and responsibility, the theory goes, women continue to fight them over a crowded bar. That's right — they're just forcing themselves to swallow all those glasses of scotch in order to keep up with the men.

Seriously? For more than four years I was employed by *Private Eye* in a job whose main requirement was to put in long hours at the Coach and Horses in Soho. From our dark and dismal corner by the lavatories we looked out on a world of male drinkers — melancholy, exuberant, or tired and emotional. Amid the foaming pints, the vodkas and whiskies, among those wild-eyed topers, flushed and excited or shedding tears of self-pity, there was, frankly, no one with whom I felt obliged to compete. I did not push my way aggressively to the bar with a cry of "This one's on me, boys!" I did not swallow down my gin as I saw the pint glasses draining. I just drank because I wanted a drink.

Women drink for all the same reasons that men drink. They might drink at lunch because they like good wines; they might drink a pint in a pub by the river; they might reach for the bottle as they put the children to bed; they might sip a whisky as they read a book. Their lives are made more pleasant and endurable by alcohol. What's so surprising about that? Why should they, any more than men, be asked to justify the reasons why they like a drink?

Consider the example of Henry, a pacy young advertising director who regularly comes home after his arduous day's work longing for a drink. His family commiserates. His children frolic quietly at his feet. The nanny places a triple measure of vodka and lime in his glass. Later, his wife considerately refills it. Things are not so pleasant for his neighbour, Candida, also, by chance, a pacy young advertising director. She too comes home longing for a drink, before taking on the burden of quality time with the children and preparing a Marks & Spencer supper. She goes to pour herself a vodka, but stops guiltily, remembering the wine she drank at lunchtime and the modest half-bottle of champagne with a client after work. She has read all the alarming reports in the papers. Can she allow herself another drink? In the end, she pours a small one, its magical soothing effects quite ruined by the burden of guilt she is carrying.

What if men can drink nine pints a day of the amber nectar without sustaining any adverse effects? Is this supposed to make us all determined to go one better with the lager (non-drivers only, it goes without saying)? Forget the surveys. Most people, I suspect, lie dramatically about the amount they drink anyway. Go on. Pour yourself a drink. Make it a double. Enjoy it.

● Another Little Drink *by Jane Ellison is published by Arena at £3.99*

More than a match for the men: Mae Murray in *Circe The Enchantress* (1924)

& BRIEFLY

Art for play's sake

THE average art exhibition is a hands-off affair, so no wonder children are bored by them. But Glasgow's Art Machine, billed as "the biggest ever art show for kids", features specially commissioned works which can be handled, climbed on, altered and "brought alive" by visitors. The exhibition will run until August 26 at the McLellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street, 10am-5pm Monday to Saturday (10pm Thursdays), noon-6pm Sundays.

Creaking bones

THE dinosaurs are on the move in the Natural History Museum, thanks to some very high technology created by the Japanese Kokoro company, which has made it possible for 10 model dinosaurs to move and roar. The dinosaur gallery will come to life tomorrow (until November 8) with its giant inhabitants moving by compressed air, controlled by computer. Not for the faint-hearted.

Hat dance

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Ceramic fans

CONNOISSEURS of fine ceramics or those who are simply potty about pottery should visit the International Ceramics Fair and Seminar which opens this Friday at the Park Lane Hotel in London, and runs until Monday June 11. Admission is £5 and lectures are an additional £7 each. The ICFS Booking Office is at 3B Burlington Gardens, Old Bond Street, London W1X 1LE (071-734 5491).

VICTORIA MCKEE

Getting a kick out of Italy

Football fan Jane Nottage's PR skills helped her become a vital part of the World Cup organizing committee

Over the moon: Jane Nottage and the World Cup symbol

The most agonizing World Cup final for Jane Nottage would be an England-Italy clash, pitting the country of her birth against the one she adopted almost five years ago.

"Of course I adore England," she says, "but I just love the way the Italians live, the food, the wine, the climate. Their style seems so much more pleasurable, and easier."

There is nothing particularly easy about Miss Nottage's current lifestyle. As the only English person on the organizing committee of Italia '90 (the World Cup co-ordinating body) and one of only two women in the press office, she is at the heart of the media mêlée: liaising between the players and the pack one minute, appearing on television to comment on the arrest of fans the next.

The pleasure, however, is evident. She is an avid football fan who will see at least 60 per cent of the matches, including the final; moreover, she confesses she rather likes "being surrounded by all these men. It's so nice to be the centre of attention. The only child in me really loves that."

At the moment she is in Sardinia for England's first matches. Before that she was in Rome writing press releases, organizing interviews and double-checking translations. Five thousand of the 7,000 accredited press are for non-Italians, and about three-quarters of them have English as a first or second language, hence the importance, she says, of "not making translation gaffes".

The job has so far proved a happy marriage between her love of the game and her love of the country. The former began during her career in public relations — one of her clients was Sharp Electronics, which sponsors Manchester United — the latter arose out of a curious combination of circumstances.

"I was doing very well in PR but I felt bored. I was fed up with the Friday-night-down-the-pub syndrome, although I suppose you could say now it's Friday night down the trattoria." She decided to take off for Mexico, to write freelance articles about the pre-World Cup matches in 1985. The trip coincided with the Heysel Stadium disaster, and everyone wanted articles about the Italians. On her return she found that her former fiancé, with whom she had remained friends, was now living in Rome, as was her best friend. "It really seemed for me as if all roads led to Rome."

Once there she continued freelancing, writing a column for *World Soccer*, and working on a "family saga" novel called *The Italians*, which will be published by Random House in August.

The Italian football world does not find her such a curiosity as the English one. "I mean, Bobby Robson still apologizes if he swears in front of me. Here, though, women are far more interested in football, it's more of a family thing. And there's a women's football league. But it's still an incredibly masculine world. Maybe in 20 years it will be different."

She loves both the atmosphere at big matches — "it's like a carnival, it's incredibly emotional" — and the skill of the top players: "That level of control is as amazing as a ballet dancer's." She also likes the players: "I don't think they're as egotistical as, say, golfers or tennis players, because it's a team sport. If one gets too selfish he gets the mickey taken out of him by the rest."

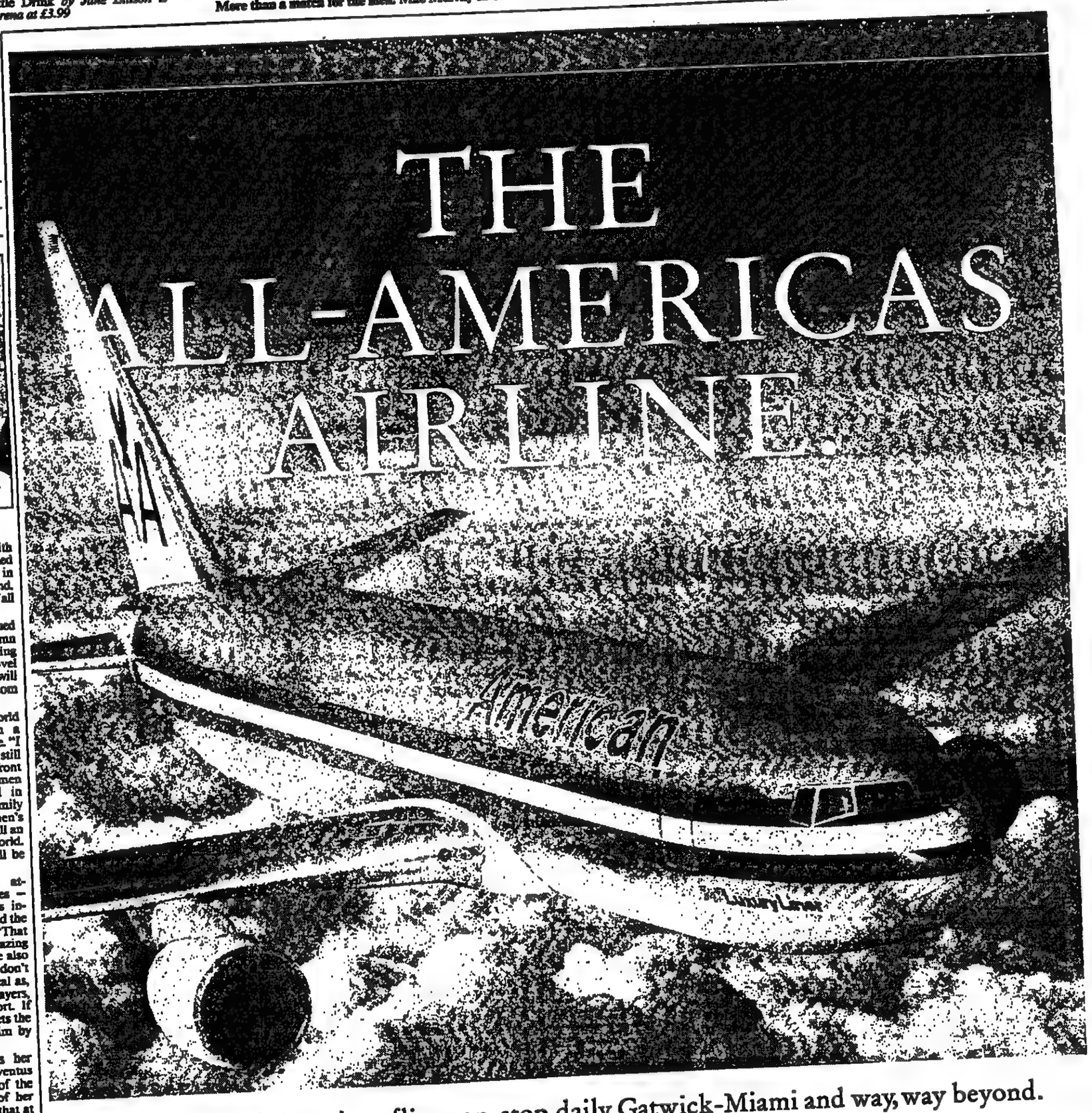
Although she counts her first visit to the Juventus dressing-room as one of the memorable moments of her life, Miss Nottage says that at 35 she no longer regards footballers as sex objects.

Non-playing Italian men are a different matter. "Englishmen treat you as if you are on the same level, but Italian men treat you as a woman. People say, though, that they make wonderful lovers but lousy husbands.

"They're incredibly vain about their appearance and they expect their wives to arrange their wardrobes in colour order. I don't even do that to my own wardrobe. At the same time it's nice to walk down the street with someone who isn't wearing a beer-stained T-shirt."

Once the job has ended, she plans to stay on in Rome, "write another book, get married and live happily after ever".

LIZ GILL



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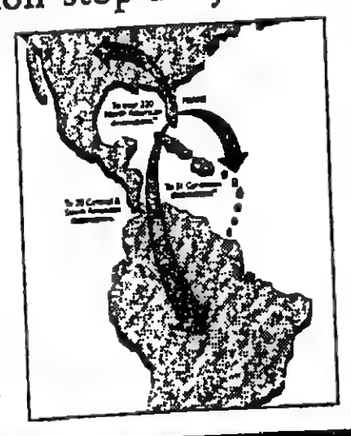

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Off to the land of the beleaguered

BROADCAST

Brian Wenham

The final stages of the Banff Television Festival offer a chance to examine the quality argument in an international light. The British are well represented, with more than half the entries still standing in comedy, over a third in drama, and a healthy sprinkling in most forms of documentary. In terms of quantity, then, a preliminary hurdle is easily cleared.

Thereafter the going gets harder. Comedy favourites fall under the stony gaze of an international jury extending from Belgium to Australia, from Japan to Finland. Much of the British drama also disappoints, being seen as narrow navel-gazing. (Chanel Four's *Traffik* is held to be a notable exception.) Nor does it go unremarked that documentaries have little to reveal about life in modern Britain, save for the regular tribulations of Northern Ireland. Still, given that the prevailing theology holds that there is no such thing as society, small wonder that we fail to find fresh ways of reporting and reflecting it.

Even so, the British are well in line to maintain their average of picking up around a third of the awards when they are handed out on Friday. And Banff has already thrown in a special salute to the BBC's Natural History Unit over the years. Then, more informally, judges when asked by the local newsletter to name a company or country they admired, mostly pointed in the British direction.

Hard-boiled critics will see most of this as ritualized flag-waving, of sideline relevance as the great lava-flows of programming push out channel after channel the world over. And in a sense they are right. A more representative festival might choose to give special study to basic television, as it puddles out around the clock: often Truly Awful Television but dominant, as one day a TATV Festival may recognize.

And this is where the argument about quality in television gets messy. In the arts elsewhere there is a wide measure of agreement. If Jeremy Isaacs serves up too many easy-on-the-ear operas, if Richard Eyre plays safe with the National Theatre repertory, if Nick Serota fails continually to freshen the face of the Tate, then a howl goes up from *aficionados*, and goes up fast. No such consensus obtains in television. We armchair *aficionados* may grumble about summer repeats, about an increasing baldness in the schedules, but rarely would such grumbling lead to positive thoughts about what should be done.

In particular the idea that, for television to get better, producers need to be afforded more room and more resources in which to roam and experiment finds little echo either among the public, or — these days — among the management. So, many at Banff wear a beleaguered look, as they try to hang on to the belief in themselves as professionals in what is increasingly regarded worldwide as a mere business.

Anxiety and ambivalence show up most clearly in the matter of co-venture or co-production. For the British, the days are long gone when Huw Wheldon would describe the ground-rules of BBC co-funding as "You pay; we make". Nowadays everyone is in the same boat, all desperate for additional funds, many apprehensive about the programme outcome of the co-funding approach, in the end possibly satisfying no one.

Some of course — and among them the more youthful elements — plunge in with relish, on the grounds that there is in truth no alternative. For them the venture itself almost becomes the prize, irrespective of quality. So the argument has been heard that a drama of less than total conviction should be awarded an extra A for effort, in part for its enterprise in marrying, however improbably, the talents of the Japanese with those of the Czechs.

Yet, for all that co-production is a double-edged weapon, it would be unwise to sneer. Around the world governments turn a blind eye to broadcasting's clear market fragility, arising from an absence of a natural point of sale, and casually imperil established funding arrangements. Broadcasters by way of response seek to pull and pool together. One consequence is that in the ever-shifting league table of television esteem, the international deal-makers now rank on par with the accountants. Soon they may pull ahead, for there is small value in tidying up costing mechanisms only to find that you still lack the wherewithal to scale the heights.

But back in the quality corral, the evidence from Banff seems to be that the palm will go for the most part to programmes confidently made from a national tradition, quirks and all. The internationally-flavoured enterprises have yet to attain a consistent standard and possibly never will. That being so, the international deal-makers should stop and ponder the local excellence on display here, and then ring up the schedulers back home to see if it can be given a prompt and wider airing.

NICK GOLDFINGER

Fact and fiction: Arthur Hailey (centre) with John Suchet (left) and Sir David Nicholas. ITN figured in research for Mr Hailey's new book

Networking the news

Will ITN, as it is transformed into a profit-making company, end up like Arthur Hailey's fictional network? Andrew Lycett reports

At Arthur Hailey's mythical CBA network, they call it the Horseshoe. At CBS, it is the Fishbowl, at ABC the Rim and at NBC the Desk. At ITN, the elongated table where the best-selling author is describing his latest book, *The Evening News*, to *News At One* presenter John Suchet, does not have a nickname. That is one difference between the American news networks and Britain's main independent news "provider" (to use the language of the Broadcasting Bill, which had its second reading in the House of Lords yesterday). An ITN journalist ascribes this to the lack of theatricality: "We're a news organization and always have been."

With the passage of the Bill later this year, however, ITN's protected status as the news-gathering arm of independent television will change. ITN must divest 51 per cent of its equity, which is held by the ITV companies, to outside shareholders. It is going through a radical corporate transformation, from a service with a budget to a profit-making company. At the same time, it is preparing to move to its new £80 million building in Gray's Inn Road, in London, later this year.

This is clearly on Mr Suchet's mind when he talks to Mr Hailey. *The Evening News* is the tale of two key employees at CBA, Crawford Sloane, the smooth anchorman, and his rather more craggy rival, Harry Partridge, a top correspondent. When CBA is taken over by Globanic Industries, a conglomerate with defence interests, they find their traditional news values and culture under threat from executives more interested in profit than truth. It is all good, gripping stuff, with the attention to detail expected of the Luton-born author of *Airport* and *Hotel*.

Mr Hailey is at ITN because it figured in his year-long research for his book. He refuses to identify the sources of his material; he says only that he visited the big American news networks, travelling abroad with one of them. Others say he spent most time at CBS, and there are identifiable CBS characters in his book.

Without referring specifically to ITN, Mr Suchet says in his pre-interview chat with Mr Hailey that the threat of conglomerates is "something over here we really dread". His first question on air picks up this topic. Do they really influence news in the United States?

"Oh yes," replies the 70-year-old author. "It's happening in real life and there are conflicts of interest."

In conversation, Mr Hailey repeats this line, but is less didactic. He says his primary objective is to tell a story. Like Samuel Goldwyn, he believes the place for messages is Western Union. He argues that, now that they are part of larger organizations, the American news networks are no longer "entities".

With access to 68 satellite channels at home in the Bahamas, he generally admires television news, though. It has brought events, such as the revolutions in Eastern Europe, into viewers' sitting rooms. It has pioneered investigative reporting and stimulated other news media, including the Press. Newspapers now have to be rather more analytical, he feels. He does not see any great difference between British and American news reporting. They both go after the same stories, particularly international news.

But are not American networks more obsessed with personalities, as in their cult of the anchorman? Not really, says Mr Hailey; the public, rather than the networks, created anchormen. He compares them to good newspaper bylines — guarantees of professionalism. Contrary to some observers, he argues that the soft news or "info-tainment" and even the ratings are on the decline. "The important thing is that the hard news is getting through."

The issue of anchormen, or newscasters, as we know them, is topical at ITN as it prepares to replace its traditional presenters, Sir Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall, with a younger team. The company says no decisions have been made, but after Sir Alastair resigned from the ITN board in February, it was suggested elsewhere that he would not see out the remaining three years of his contract. He had resigned from the board over a difference of opinion: he supported — and in some quarters is credited as the architect of — the government proposals to sell off 51 per cent of ITN.

Officially, the ITN chairman, Sir David Nicholas, who welcomed Mr Hailey to his news organization's cramped headquarters in London's Wells Street, is as dismissive of the influence of conglomerates in Britain — "they are certainly not taking over here; at least, not yet" — as he is of anchormen: "There is no great evidence that they are responsible for ratings points." He concedes, however, that anchormen may play a role in identifying networked news programmes that in the United States, unlike in Britain, compete for audiences in the same fixed time slots.

As for the ratings themselves, he admits: "There is one American characteristic I would like to see here: that news is an extremely attractive platform for reaching ABC1 viewers and therefore for advertising."

Sir David's views reflect the extent his time is taken up converting ITN to a profit centre. His task was not made easier by the recent proposal from his ITV shareholders to hive off the company's property interests. But Sir David has struck back in typically forthright newsman's style. With the introduction of a new afternoon news bulletin, he is moving closer to his vision of a rolling news programme in the style of Cable News Network. ITN is also about to do sell its programming to a big American cable system. In the not-so-long run, then, British independent news may be getting closer to an American model, but not quite as envisaged by Mr Hailey.

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A Tatler for the family

Jane Procter, editor-designate of the chronicler of high-class high jinks, talks to Alan Franks

Taking on the editorship of the present *Tatler* magazine looks rather like accepting the offer of a job as a tail-gunner. You may not last long but, goodness, you can get some sniping done while you are up there.

The latest, much-publicized casualty was Emma Soames, Winston Churchill's granddaughter, shot out of the sky 12 days ago by Nicholas Coleridge, the editorial director of Condé Nast. One of her predecessors, Libby Purves, chose to stay just seven months.

The sky is thick with predators. Since Miss Soames climbed aboard two years ago, more than a dozen glossies have been launched into the competitive air, and *Tatler*, has seen its sales figures plummet from 63,000 to 52,000 in 18 months. The magazine may have been tailing the vagaries of the English upper classes at play these past 280 years, but when the editors fall foul of internal fashion, they really fall.

Enter, from Clapham Common, Jane Procter, aged 34, with the unfamiliar fragrance of home and maternity clinging to her person. When she says that she needs three weeks to get her house in order, she means it literally. "I have found a nanny," she says. "I got her through an agency, and she has absolutely brilliant references. But obviously I don't know her yet. At the moment, I still have the au pair." They look after Tabitha, aged four, and Rollo, aged 13 months.

If it sounds uncharitable to suggest that Miss Procter's career makes her well-suited to brief tenure, that is because it *is* uncharitable, but no more so than the magazine can be. It also carries some accuracy — again, like the magazine. The last thing she did, before having her second child, was to edit *W*, the fashion fortnightly, which, despite being a *succès d'estime*, lasted barely a year.

Her professional life started when, as a finalist in the *Vogue* Talent Competition, she was offered a job on that magazine and cut short her English studies at the Courtauld Institute's University College to take it. She subsequently worked on a number of magazines, including *Good Housekeeping*, *Woman's Journal* and *Country Life*.

"Yes, I seemed to move on," she says. "But the most important thing is that if it's not fun, it's not worth doing. I enjoy being surrounded by people who appreciate fun."

The fun at the modern *Tatler* started with Tina Brown, whose life-as-a-party vision took the stuffiness from the business of chronicling the social movements of the well-connected. Not only high, but also self-elevating society was digging in for a longish binge, and its members had the disposable income to pay for it.

Figuratively as well as physically, the champagne went down, the skirts flew up, and when Ms Brown left for the States to edit *Vanity Fair* in 1983, *Tatler*'s circulation had reached 35,000. Just four years earlier, it had stood at a seemingly terminal 2,000, the bloodless circular of a very dated constituency.

However, it is not so much that the party is over, more that the champagne has started to make the guests aggressive. You would hardly expect an incoming editor to rubbish the product, and Miss Procter lives down to that expectation. She hardly needs to, however, since that has been taken care of by the readership and, arguably, by Mr Coleridge himself. By the summer of last year the whole thing had started to look decidedly *louche*. Tittle had ousted tattle and the hangover was finally biting.

"I don't think that the *Tatler*'s difficulty is one of following the acts of Tina Brown and Mark Boxer," Miss Procter says. "The point about the magazine as edited by Tina is that it was so absolutely right for the time. At the end of the Seventies and into the Eighties people had become much more interested in parties and money, and also in being funny and witty. Now they are all frightfully mature, and everyone has children. There is none of this New Age nonsense. Perhaps the magazine needs to change because we have all changed.

"If you look at those back-numbers, they really were wonderful. She [Tina Brown] brought off some truly interesting and original things. Most people in papers and magazines tend to be mediocre. They rush around reading foreign publications and say: 'I've had this really brilliant idea'. When I worked at . . . well, let's just say when I worked at a major national supplement, people at conference would have an endless list of ideas, and if you'd read the same foreign publications you'd know exactly where they had come from. I, meanwhile, had been to some dinner party or talked to parents outside the school gates and would come up with something that probably sounded batty. Occasionally I would be allowed to get on with it. Sometimes it came to nothing, but sometimes it would work out brilliantly."

One of Mr Coleridge's first moves as editorial director has been to engage the chic and worldly Ewa Lewis, from the phenomenally successful Spanish-owned magazine *Hello*, as *Tatler*'s social columnist, a furrow that had been ploughed by Peter Townend, the veteran expert on the débutante season. Mr Coleridge has denied that he intends to turn his own publication into a high-rent version of *Hello*, but the suspicions have remained in the minds of his staff.

When I spoke to the editor-designate, she was greatly exercised by a suggestion in the Sunday press that she was "the kind of woman who gives women employees a bad name". True to the code of tattle, this had come from the ubiquitous "former colleague". What could it mean, she wondered. Did it mean she went to the hairdresser too often? Over-flirted with the men?

And yet the short-lived *W* continues to draw respectful memories, and is still seen in the trade as a model which might be profitably aspired to. Its closure wounded her. "If you look at other publications in the field," she says, "they must have kept a whole stack of *W*, because they keep copying it.

"For example, we took 10 smart or titled ladies and asked them what they would be wearing to Ascot. Later the *Mail on Sunday* did the same thing. Then *ES* magazine did the thing of taking a group of men and describing them in terms of their properties, which we had done already."

She cites gregariousness as one of her main qualifications for the job, and believes that for an editor to be effective, he or she must be a social animal. Without seeming to brag, she remarks that she has almost total recall of what people were saying, wearing, or eating at a given social gathering 15 or 20 years ago. It can make for embarrassment, as she will rush up to a familiar face who has not the faintest idea who she is. Her own diary is "eclectic, not aristocratic", but when I shamelessly ask her the names of her famous friends, she mentions Jenny Hall (daughter of Sir Peter) and Laura Aitken (daughter of Sir Max).

Later in the day she telephones to say she has just remembered that both the women she had named were famous because of their famous fathers, whereas the fact is that she has many who have achieved eminence in their own right. She also has many friends who are not famous at all; one of these left a message on her answering machine asking whether she is the same Jane Procter about whom she has just been reading in the papers.

Jane Procter's Nineties, as laid out in the glossy spreads which she is to oversee, will be more nice than naughty. The party may never quite regain its first innocence, but the *louche* friends-of-friends will melt from the hall. Or else.

STEPHEN MARKESON

"The thing is that if it's not fun, it's not worth doing": Jane Procter looks forward to fun on *Tatler*

Young, gifted and ignored?

How much practical help are the young journalist awards to the winners?

Jocelyn Targett of *The Guardian* yesterday became Young Journalist of the Year in the British Press Awards, collecting £5,400 prize money, most of it to be spent on travel. Anne McElvoy of *The Times* and Kate Muir of *The Sunday Correspondent* were commended. This clean sweep for the national press is unusual. Generally the Young Journalist Award — sponsored this year by the Post Office and organized by *UK Press Gazette* — is regarded as of most use to provincial journalists, who might not otherwise come to the notice of national newspaper editors. But is that really the case?

Yvonne Roberts, now editing the Living pages at the *Observer*, was voted Young Journalist in 1972 when she was on the *Northampton Chronicle and Echo*. "I don't think anybody took a blind bit of notice," she says.

She had written to Fleet Street newspapers for a job before the award and she continued to write afterwards. The replies — "friendly, encouraging, but definitely no offers" — did not change. She was forced reluctantly to move into television when John Birt offered her a job on LWT's *Weekend World*. She would have preferred newspapers, but found them hopelessly insular when it came to identifying new talent.

"There is a complacency in Fleet Street," she says. "The award is an excellent way of drawing attention to young people, but not enough notice is taken of it."

Melanie Phillips, *The Guardian* policy editor, and winner from the *Evening Post and Echo*, Hemel Hempstead, in 1976, confirms that the post does not bring a deluge of job offers — although she suspects winning may have helped when she applied to *The Guardian* a year later, from *New Society*. (She had joined *New Society* before winning the award, mainly by writing the occasional piece for them.)

As a former *Guardian* news editor, she has seen the hiring business from the other side, and agrees that young journalists need more opportunities to break through into the nationals. There can often be a gulf between what they are required to do on their current papers, and what they may want to do.

"This makes it very difficult for an editor. On a local paper, you have to write in a certain style and idiom, and it can be difficult to see how that will translate to a paper like *The Guardian*. Besides, you can never be quite sure that what is in the cuttings wasn't rewritten by a sub-editor."

Both Ms Phillips and Ms Roberts acknowledge that there is an element of lottery in winning. "You have to be entered by your paper, which must disqualify a lot of people," Ms Phillips says. "You need an editor who is sympathetic and lets you write what you want to write," Ms Roberts adds. "I wrote a series on the Chronically Sick and Disabled Act — the managing editor used to come in and say, A Cripple A Day Keeps The Readers Away."

Andrew Rawnsley, 1988 winner, had already worked for the BBC and as a sketch and feature writer on *The Guardian*. He had to be under 25 the preceding December to qualify: it was already a fairly glittering career. "Your postbag certainly isn't groaning the next day — it doesn't work like that," he says. "People have occasionally mentioned it, but it's only one of the things in the pot when people are thinking about you."

This seems not to have been the experience of Tim Walker, 1987 winner from the *Brighton Evening Argus*, who had three offers after winning for a combination of hard news investigations and profiles of local people. Turning down the BBC and *The Mail On Sunday*, Mr Walker accepted the offer from the *Observer*'s Anthony Howard, one of the judges in his year. He recently moved on to *The European* as diary editor.

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Selling in a cold climate

Builders and mortgage companies are inventing several new ways to tempt borrowers despite high interest rates

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

A national survey among potential new home buyers shows that their first choice for an incentive to help them buy would be a discount on the price. Second would be a scheme to reduce their mortgage repayments, which was far more popular than a gift of £2,000 to spend on extras for the home.

The present economic climate, bringing with it a high cost of borrowing, indicates that the days when buyers expected luxuries such as saunas have, at least temporarily, gone. The survey, carried out for Saxon Homes, the building arm of Blue Circle Industries Ltd, suggests that what they want is straightforward value for money.

To cater for these needs, building societies and other lenders have introduced low or deferred mortgage schemes, and in the past week or two some have now launched fixed-rate schemes, a point or two below the present mortgage rate.

The latest to make this offer is Chelsea Building Society, with a 13.6 per cent fixed-rate mortgage until December 31, 1992. The society describes the new mortgage as "ideal for people who want the peace of mind that a fixed rate can offer them during a period of high and rising interest rates".

While the fixed-rate mortgage is yet another way in which lenders hope to attract custom during this period of slump in the property market, it is also, perhaps, an early indication that they believe the trend in interest rates is downwards from now on, in the run-up the next general election.

Consequently, a number of financial advisers are questioning the wisdom of fixed-rate mortgages which, although cheaper now, could be more expensive in the long term.

Daniel Tamman, director of Plaza Finance, part of Plaza Estates which specializes in central London properties, says: "The likelihood of an early entry to the European Monetary System and renewed confidence in the UK stock market make a reduction in interest rates by the end of this year a real possibility, and we are, therefore, advising anyone looking either for a mortgage or to remortgage not to lock into a long-term fixed-rate loan while we are at the peak of interest rates."

While the big building societies take a cautious view, anticipating a reduction in interest rates from the beginning of next year, taking them two or three per cent lower by the spring of 1992, Mr Tamman is more optimistic. He believes that there could be a fall of as much as 3 per cent in building societies' base rates by the end of the year, bringing the average mortgage interest rate down to about 12 per cent.

He believes that low-start schemes, including those with one or two years at fixed rates which switch automatically to variable rates after that period, represent a more attractive proposition than a long-term fixed rate loan.

While the mortgage lenders are offering their own schemes, house builders and developers are spending a lot of time devising home purchase plans in conjunction with the lenders. In the last three months, the 50-50 scheme, under which a house or flat is bought for half the full price, with the balance paid within a stated period, usually five years, has been adopted by a sizeable number of firms, and has certainly attracted potential custom. Inevitably, there has been a fairly high dropout rate, but it has brought the market to life in some areas.

Many builders offer a variety of ways to help the purchaser. Prowting Homes has been running an equity share scheme for some time, and it also offers mortgage help. One of its incentives is a mortgage at 11.5 per cent fixed for three years, well below present rates.

Terry Royden, group managing director, says: "Even if interest rates gradually fall back to previous levels over the next few years, our deal will still remain extremely competitive."

Builder Charles Church offers an even lower fixed-rate mortgage, 10 per cent for the first two years, and also has a 50 per cent purchase plan. The company says that it does not sell many properties with the half-price plan, but says it is one of several ways in which it is trying to help buyers.

"After all, we have to sell our houses, and have to find ways of doing so. Owners of existing houses do not, by and large have, to sell. We do," says Trevor Sawyer, sales and marketing director for Charles Church.

The latest scheme Mr Sawyer is working on is a low-cost bridging loan plan to try to take the pain out of the difficulties experienced by buyers attempting to sell their own homes. That should soon be in operation, a demonstration of just one of the ways in which builders are facing up to the most difficult selling market for years.

The Rushmore Hill Estate at Knockholt in Kent is a fascinating property, a residential, agricultural and sporting estate built up from a modest size in the past five years to 790 acres which includes two farms, three pedigree cattle herds and the best pheasant and partridge shoot for miles around — and it is only 18 miles from London. What was a small farmhouse has been extended to provide seven bedrooms, three reception rooms, a library, conservatory and indoor swimming pool complex and it houses all sorts of gadgets, including a closed-circuit television system. The house is surrounded by grounds containing an Italian garden, knot garden, secret garden, and trout-stocked lake (newly built). There is also a squash court, tennis court and outdoor swimming pool. About 15,000 trees have been planted and 30 miles of fencing erected to help create this model estate, and Savills' London and Sevenoaks offices are asking about £5.25 million for the property.

BRIEFING

■ *Although Birmingham* is not renowned for its listed architecture, an outstanding example of the Arts and Crafts movement's period is 21 Yateley Road in Edgbaston. Built in 1899, the house has been little altered, and its *original features* include wall panelling, fireplaces with copper cowls and stained glass. The house has six bedrooms and three reception rooms, stands in two-thirds of an acre, and its asking price is more than £300,000. It is being handled by Jackson-Stops & Staff of Chipping Campden and Botteley & Co of Edgbaston.

■ Flat 6, Garrick's Villa in Hampton Court is a very different Grade I-listed property. Acquired by the actor David Garrick in 1740, it was redesigned by Robert Adam and landscaped by Capability Brown. The house was later converted into apartments and number six, on the second floor, has a large drawing room and one bedroom. Hamptons' Kingston office is asking for offers of about £135,000.

■ A third Grade I-listed building is Number 2, Stoney Lane, Thaxted, Essex, built about 1390. The medieval, jettied storey house has an oak frame and has been repaired and improved in recent years. It has two bedrooms and three reception rooms. Hamptons of Saffron Walden is asking for offers of about £159,000.

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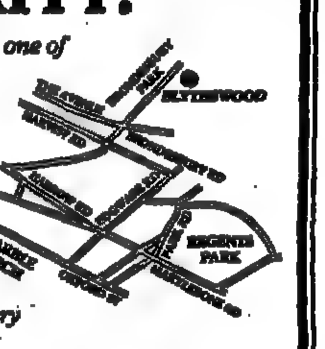

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Warming up for the high season

For a writer on antiques, and on the London market in particular, June is the cruellest month of the year. The city is full of wonderful exhibitions, yet we cannot hope to do justice to more than one or two of the many items on offer. It is just as well that New York has taken over as the centre of the art-auction world and one can concentrate on the great summer fairs and dealers' exhibitions.

The first of the fairs, Olympia, which is already running, continues until Sunday. This fair tends to be regarded as a warm-up event for Grosvenor House, but this year, despite the chariness of some of the regular exhibitors, the fair has been expanded to its largest display yet.

The Ceramics Fair and Seminar is at the Park Lane Hotel this year, its ninth, because of the closure of the Dorchester, its regular base. The fair, which opens on Friday and runs until Monday, has a packed schedule of 14 lectures on subjects ranging from the Orient to Limerick and St Cloud to Glasgow, a loan exhibition and 48 dealers from seven countries who make up the fair.

> June is always the best month on the London calendar for collectors and this year promises to be no different

Despite the seeming exclusivity of the title, the fair also includes such neighbouring fields as glass and enamels. This year the loan collection comes from the Stoke-on-Trent Museum, presenting the results of two decades of excavation and research on the 18th-century Staffordshire potteries.

Grosvenor House is the showcase for the fair of the year, by the British Antiques Dealers' Association, BADA. This time, after a schism which lasted for a decade, the breakaway Burlington House Fair will again be part of the BADA. The fair will be opened by Prince Edward next Wednesday, the private preview day, and will be open to the public from June 14 to 23.

Every year the fair takes a theme, which often allows a number of overseas dealers to take part. This year it is "Italy and the grand tour", and 17 members of the Associazione Antiquaria d'Italia will contribute to a stand. The BADA has organized the loan exhibition, which includes a pair of Roman scenes by Canaletto from the collection of the Queen Mother, the fair's patron. Another souvenir of a grand tour is a full-length portrait of Lord Le Despencer, by Anton von Maron, on sale at Spinks' stand.

As always, the range of the fair is immense, from a Roman mosaic panel of fish by "Sosus Pergami, who flourished 320 years before Christ", to an 1848 painting of a Neopolitan breed bacon hog weighing 27 st 3 lb, and from an 8th-century Tang pottery court lady to a silver gilt jardinière commissioned by Napoleon III in 1866. Furniture, silver, ceramics, tapestries, antiquities, medals, glass, jewels, paintings, prints, drawings, books and musical and scientific instruments will all be on offer.

The combined stock of more than 100 book dealers that will be on offer at the London Antiquarian Book Fair, at the Park Lane Hotel from June 19 to 21 — more than 30,000 items in all — will be just as diverse.

With the possible exception of some modern first editions, books seem cheap by comparison with other collectors' items.

For instance, at £27,500, Quaritch will have the first appearance in print of the traveller Al-Idrisi's geography, the *Muzhat al-mushtaq*, from the famous press of Cardinal Ferdinando Medici in Rome, dated 1592. This is one of the finest and rarest books to be printed in Arabic.

Equally reasonable seems Simon Gough Books' £2,750 for *Tortoises, Terrapins and Turtles*, produced with 57 finely coloured plates by Edward Lear and James de C. Sowerby in 1872. The loan exhibition is devoted to the work of Heath Robinson, both the early book illustrations and the contraptions.

There will be several dozen dealers' exhibitions that will be excellent in their different spheres. There is only space to mention a few.

Trinity Fine Art of London has taken Harari & Johns' gallery in Duke Street, St James's, until June 20 to show a remarkable collection of sculpture, works of art and Italian architectural drawings. Particularly enticing is a bronze of Venus and Adonis by Algardi (1598-1654), at about £750,000.

In Bond Street the shows include one of room settings on the theme of the pen and the sword, or correspondence on campaign, at W. R. Harvey until June 30, and Victorian paintings and sculpture from today until July 20 at Agnews. Almost next door, at Deborah Gage, 38 Old Bond Street, the private dealer John Whitehead is showing a splendid collection of 18th-century Sèvres porcelain, much of it with royal connections, from tomorrow until June 20.

Eskenazi's show at Foxglove House, 166 Piccadilly, is always one of the greatest pleasures of the summer. This year is no exception. There are remarkable examples of ancient Chinese sculpture. The show is from next Tuesday to July 6. The Bodhisattva Guanyin, associated with compassion, presides. There will also be imperial gold from ancient China at Oriental Bronzes, 96 Mount Street, from next Wednesday to June 29, and Venetian paintings, 1650 to 1800, at the Walpole Gallery, 38 Dover Street, from next Wednesday to July 20.

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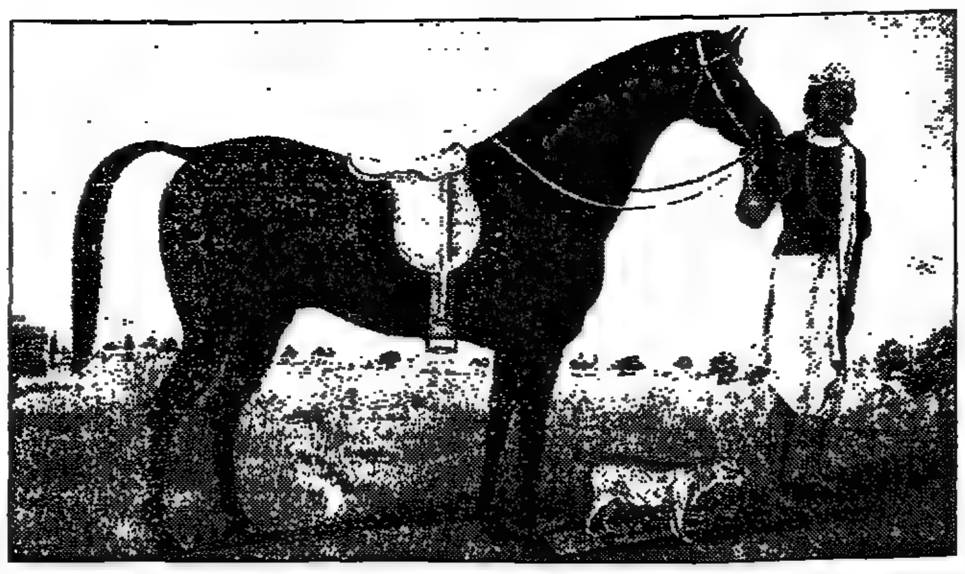

On show at Grosvenor House Antiques Fair: an 1845 oil-on-panel by Modun Mistry

ON SALE, ON SHOW

Selected events from today to July 4. Auctions usually start at 11am unless otherwise stated — but check before making a special journey:

To June 30: "The Pen & the Sword" show, W. R. Harvey, 5 Old Bond Street, W1 (071-499 8385). **To June 10:** Olympia Fine Art & Antiques Fair (071-370 8234). **To June 20:** Sculpture, works of art & drawings shown by Trinity Fine Art at Harari & Johns, 12 Duke Street, St James's (071-493 4916). **Today-June 29:** 20th-century British art show. Spink, King Street, St James's, SW1 (071-930 7888). **Today-June 30:** British painting exhibition. Ackermann, 33 New Bond Street, W1 (071-493 3288). **Today-July 20:** Victorian paintings and sculpture. Agnews, Old Bond Street, W1 (071-629 4359). **June 7-8:** Newton Abbot Antiques & Books Fair, The Racecourse (0364 52182). **June 7-20:** Exhibition of Sèvres Porcelain. John Whitehead at Deborah Gage, 38 Old Bond Street, W1 (081-968 8986). **June 8-10:** Border Antique Dealers' Fair, Alnwick Castle (0937 832029). **June 8-10:** Ceramics Fair, Cumberland Hotel, W1 (0634 723461). **June 8-11:** International Ceramics Fair, Park Lane Hotel, W1 (071-734 5491). **June 12:** Modern British picture sale. Phillips, Bond Street, W1 (071-629 6602). **June 12-July 6:** Chinese sculpture exhibition. Eskenazi, Foxglove House, 166 Piccadilly, W1 (071-493 5464). **June 13 6pm:** Contemporary ceramics sale. Bonhams, Montpelier Street, SW7 (071-584 9161). **June 13-June 29:** *Imperial Gold from Ancient China.* Oriental Bronzes Ltd, 96 Mount Street, W1 (071-493 0309). **June 13-July 20:** Exhibition of Venetian Painting 1650-1800, Walpole Gallery, 38 Dover Street, W1 (071-499 6626). **June 14-23:** Grosvenor House Antiques Fair, Park Lane, W1 (0799-26699). **June 15, 10.30am:** Sale of rare auction catalogues, Christie's, Sth Kensington (071-581 7611). **June 15-17:** Stafford Antiques Fair, Bingley Hall, County Showground (0532 843333). **June 15-17:** SE Counties Antique Dealers' Fair, Goodwood House (0937 832029). **June 19-21:** London Antiquarian Book Fair, Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, W1 (071-724 2818). **June 20:** Agra Diamond in jewel sale. Christie's, King Street, SW1 (071-839 9060). **June 21:** Atlases & travel books. Sotheby's, Bond Street, W1 (071-493 8080). **June 21 1pm:** Book of Hours for sale. Bloomsbury Book Auctions, Hardwick Street, EC1 (071-833 2636). **June 21 2pm:** Scientific instruments sale. Christie's, Sth Kensington. **June 22:** 19th-century paintings sale. Christie's, King Street, SW1. **June 26-July 11:** Old Master drawings shown by Katrin Bellinger at Harari & Johns (071-381 1324). **June 28 2.30pm:** Grace Darling's medals, including seven mementoes. Sotheby's, Bond Street, W1 (071-493 8080).

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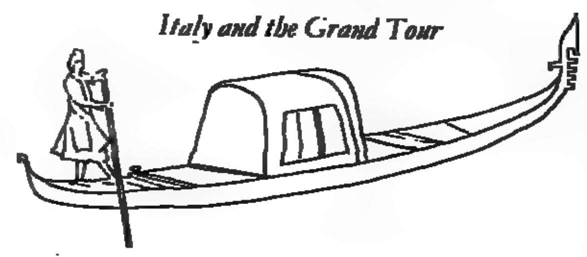

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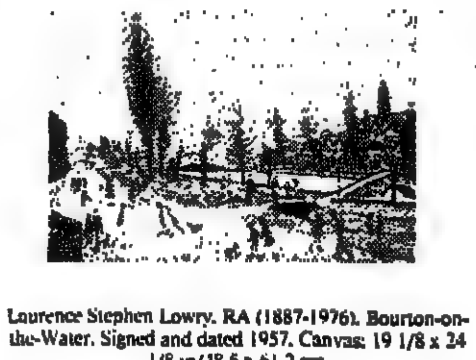

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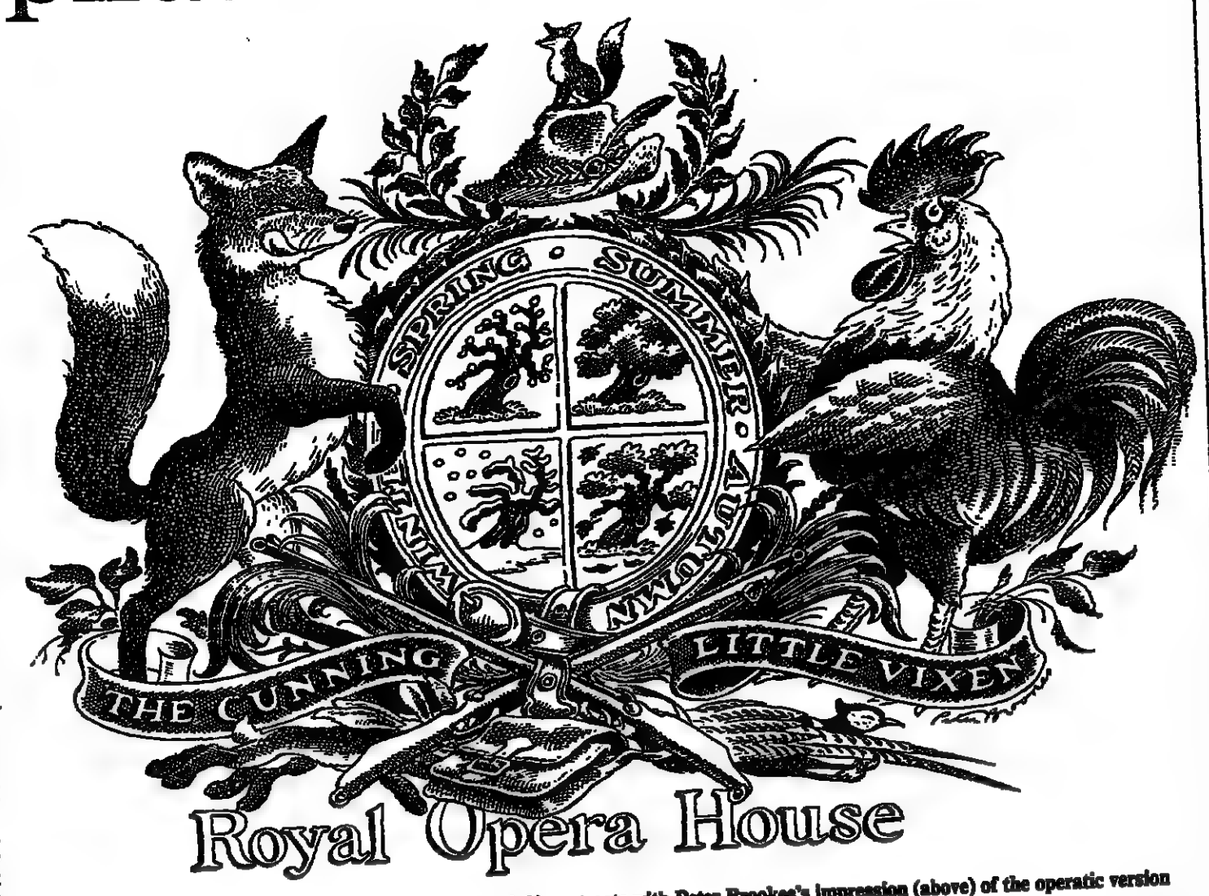
OPERA

Inspiration run to earth

Illustrator Peter Brookes and Richard Morrison set the scene for the Royal Opera's first production of Janáček's opera, *The Cunning Little Vixen*



One of Stanislav Lolek's cartoon originals (below, left) contrasts with Peter Brookes's impression (above) of the operatic version

Why send a newspaper illustrator to preview an opera? Because this opera, uniquely in the repertoire, was inspired by the work of a newspaper illustrator. The year was 1920. In the Moravian capital of Brno the 66-year-old composer Leos Janáček was casting around for a subject for his seventh opera, when he heard his servant, one Marie Stejskalová, laughing at something in the Brno daily newspaper, *Lidové Noviny*.

Like most of Brno, she was hooked on "Bystrouska", a strip-cartoon about the adventures of a vixen. It was scripted, rather incongruously, by the paper's law correspondent, Rudolf Těsnohlídek (he was, outside office hours, a respected novelist and children's author) and drawn by Stanislav Lolek.

According to Marie Stejskalová's memoirs, published nearly 40 years later, she told Janáček that the cartoons "would make a marvellous opera". Hindsight is a wonderful thing.

In *The Cunning Little Vixen*, which reached Brno Opera House four years later, Janáček followed Těsnohlídek's story fairly closely.

From the Lolek original

The Vixen is captured by the Forester, creates havoc in a henhouse, escapes, marries a fox, and is shot dead by the Poacher. Meanwhile, the Forester and his equally gloomy companion, the Schoolmaster, sigh in vain over a wild and mysterious gypsy girl who eventually marries the Poacher.

There is a subtle connection, never made explicit by Janáček, between the animal and the human worlds, and in particular between the girl and the Vixen. But the opera's main point is pantheistic: as it traces the changing seasons, so it also affirms the regenerative power of nature.

At the end the Forester, weary of the human treadmill, lies down in the forest and has his attention caught by a cub-vixen — identical to her mother, who was the Vixen which the Forester captured. The cycle of nature has turned again, and Janáček's music flowers into an ecstatic and lyrical ending.

Last week Peter Brookes, normally found illustrating political articles in *The Times*, attended two final rehearsals for the Royal Opera's first-ever production of *The Cunning Little Vixen*, which opens tomorrow. The intention was partly for him to complete a cyclical pattern which would complement that in the opera itself: here would be a newspaper illustrator responding to the ideas of an opera designer (William Dudley), in turn inspired by the music of a composer, who was himself fired by a series of newspaper illustrations.

But Brookes's brief was also to capture the spirit of this particular production: an outstanding young conductor (Simon Rattle) making his Royal Opera début; and at the same time Covent Garden throwing its venerable doors open to a much younger audience than usual — as the first performance is part of the Midland Bank Prom Week.

About his illustration (reproduced, above), Brookes says: "Watching these rehearsals, I could not but be aware of the Royal Opera's magnificent crest — lion, unicorn and all — hovering over the stage throughout, and of the curious parallels between that and the action below. Not just because both incorporate animals, but because a revolving wheel plays such a part in Dudley's wonderful designs. That was my starting point."

● *Bill Bryden's production of* The Cunning Little Vixen *will be performed tomorrow and on June 11, 15, 19, 23 and 25 at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066).*

CRITICS' CHOICE: OPERA AND DANCE

OPERA

LONDON

CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN (Janáček). Covent Garden début both for conductor Simon Rattle and, more surprisingly, the work itself. Lilian Watson and Thomas Allen lead the cast who will be singing, unusually for Covent Garden, in English. The production is by Royal National Theatre's Bill Bryden: William Dudley's designs are promised to be eye-catching. Watch out for Robert Tear's Gnat. (see feature, left)
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), tomorrow (Prom) and Mon. 8pm, £2.50-£82; Prom tickets at £6 on the night.

IDOMENEO (Mozart). John Eliot Gardiner conducts his period-instrument orchestra in what should be a memorable concert performance, with Anthony Rolfe Johnson and Anne Sofie von Otter heading the cast.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Fri, 7pm, also June 11 and 19, £9-£39.

WALL/ALBERGO EMPEDOCLES: Paul Barker has already scored several successes with his Modern Music Theatre Troupe. This year he presents a promising double-bill of his own works.
The Place Theatre, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-836 0008), Tues, 8pm, £9.50.

OUTSIDE LONDON

TORNRAK: Affecting drama by John Metcalf and Michael Wilcox about the loss of spiritual instincts; powerfully staged by Mike Ashman.
Welsh National Opera, Empire Theatre, Liverpool (051 708 1555), tonight, 7.15pm, £6.50-£24.

LA BOHEME (Puccini). Peter Knapp's Travelling Opera takes its trimmed-down *Bohème* and its athletic *Don Pasquale* (Donizetti) to the Midlands.
Haymarket, Leicester (0533 539797), tonight (*Bohème*) and tomorrow (*Pasquale*), 7.30pm, £5-£10.

THE MIKADO (Gilbert & Sullivan). The new-look D'Oyly Carte continue their nationwide tour with *The Mikado* and, in a double-bill, *The Pirates of Penzance* and *Trial by Jury*.
Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 236 9922), tonight and tomorrow (*Mikado*), Fri and Sat (*Pirates/Trial*), 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm, £4-£16.50.

MADAMA BUTTERFLY (Puccini). Nuria Espert's production endows Cio-Cio-San (Janice Cairns) with an unusual moral strength that emphasizes the outrageous cultural and sexual imperialism of Pinkerton (Arthur Davies).
Eden Court Theatre, Inverness (0463 221718), tomorrow-Sat, 7.15pm, £8-£17.50.

OTELLO (Verdi). Peter Stein's broadly conventional production for WNO is highly recommended: William Cochran in the title role (Jeffrey Lawton due to return in Birmingham) joins the new Desdemona, Faith Esham.
Empire Theatre, Liverpool (as above), Fri, 7.15pm, £8.50-£24. Hippodrome, Birmingham (021 622 7486), Tues, 7.15pm, £11-£30.

KATYA KABANOVA (Janáček). Welcome return of Nikolaus Lehnhoff's searing production, conducted by Andrew Davis. Strong cast headed by Nancy Gustafson.
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NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: From tonight until Saturday, Ronald Hynd's frothy Offenbach comedy, *Liaisons Amoureuses*, with Gillian Lynne's *Lipizzaner* in which the girls play horses. From Tues (until June 16), *Giselle*, a slightly eccentric production of the famous romantic classic by Christopher Gable.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), eves, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm, £4-£16.

STELLA: New work by adventurous young Belgian choreographer, Anne Teresa de Keersmaeker for her group Rosas; music by Ligeti.
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MONTH IN THE COUNTRY: Sylvie Guillem with the Royal Ballet at a Covent Garden prom performance; also *Song of the Earth* with Darcey Bussell.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), Sat, 7.30pm, £1-£35.

TURTLES ALL THE WAY DOWN: Lively idiosyncratic creation by Dan Wagoner for London Contemporary Dance Theatre, and Kim Brandstrup's curiously operatic *Orfeo*.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (as above). Tues, Wed, 7.30pm, £3.50-£10.50.

JOHN PERCIVAL

PERFORMANCE ART

O SAY CAN YOU SEE?: *The Black Pack*. Black performers from the US invade the ICA this week for music, comedy and madness. Tonight until Saturday George Wallace and Jedda Jones, originally from New Orleans (now both independently hitting the TV scene in the US), appearing with Darryl and the Dependents who perform as a rhythm and blues band.
ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 3647), tonight-Sat, 8pm, £6 (£5), plus £1 day pass.

ALTERNATIVE THEATRE: *Still a good night out?* An ICA talk questions radical theatre's present approach in an ever-changing political climate. John McGrath, author and founder-director of 7:84 Theatre Company discusses this with playwright David Edgar and John Fox, director of Welfare State.
ICA (as above), Tues, 7.30pm, £3 plus £1 day pass.

CILDO MEIRELES INSTALLATIONS: One of Brazil's best artists shows two of his most recent large-scale installations, "Massao-Missoes" (How to Build Cathedrals) and "Cinza" (ash/grey). Powerful use of materials such as bones, coins, chalk and charcoal make this participatory experience strongly atmospheric.
ICA (as above), Thurs until July 8, 12-9pm, £1.50 day pass.

PETER ZEGVELD: *Contexts*. Wonderful and zany, Dutch artist Zegveld is commissioned by the Third Eye Centre to create a new performance piece leading us through five different environments. Full of mad sounds, crazy use of everyday objects and weird perspectives, the artist's work provides an atmosphere of intense mystical quality injected with a good sense of humour.
Third Eye Centre, 346-354 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (041-332 0522), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, £3.50 (£2.50).

TELEVISION INTERVENTIONS 19:4:90: Throughout June, Channel 4 schedules will be interrupted unannounced by a series of 19 short art works. The artists from Britain and Europe include David Mach, Alastair MacLennan, Bruce McLean and Rose Garrard. Each has had the use of this strong medium to question our normal expectations of television. All pieces, alongside other television intervention work from the last 25 years, will be on show at the Third Eye Centre Galleries — a chance to consider the new possibilities of this under-explored medium.
Third Eye Centre (as above). From Sat until June 24, Mon-Sat, 11am-6.30pm, Sun, 12-5.30pm.

BLACK MIME THEATRE: *Superheroes*. A new production from this young group gaining solid recognition for its entertaining but thoughtful dealings with serious contemporary issues — a rare occurrence in a mime world stuck in a rather trivial groove. This show uses voice and movement to create a "living cartoon" examining the role of the superhero.
The Leadmill, 6-7 Leadmill Road, Sheffield (0742 754500). Mon, 7.30pm, £2.90 (£1.50).

GHISLAINE BODDINGTON

TELEVISION

Unholy history

A night after *World in Action*'s study of renewed anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, and a few hours after the House of Lords staged their greatest revolt of the last decade by throwing out the War Crimes Bill, Channel 4's *Shadow on the Cross* provided a disquieting litany of anti-Jewish measures going back 2,000 years.

Its thesis was that anti-Semitism has always been the fatal flaw in Christianity's attempt to serve God. Had Christ lived in Europe during World War II, he would have been killed as a Jew in Auschwitz. With graveyards and synagogues being desecrated once again, from Moscow to Birmingham, Malcolm Feuerstein's cool documentary could not have been more topical.It focused on the institutional nature of the church's love of political order — which allowed Hitler to become, for millions of Germans, not just a governor but God's representative on earth.

Large numbers of talking-heads in dog-collars contrasted sharply with the imagined arrest of Christ by Nazis, but the programme was at its best examining the Christian history of anti-Semitism and lodging a claim that anti-Semitism never existed until the coming of Christ. St Augustine thought Jews were only to be allowed to survive as a reprobate people, condemned to wander the earth as a warning to all others. Thus did the folklore begin, and with it the prejudice that was discussed in the Upper House on Monday, and that led Lutherans as late as 1948 to proclaim the Holocaust as divine punishment for the Jewish rejection of Christ.

Meanwhile, BBC 1 went across the Arab border to consider Yasser Arafat, the somewhat unwilling focus of a remarkable profile by Marie Colvin. The Palestinian leader has no home, his land is an obsession rather than a territory, and, although represented by missions all over the world, his cabinet exists only in airplanes and armed cars, perpetually on the move from safe house to diplomatic summit.

Proudly showing off his airplane telephone and state-of-the-art mobile fax machine to a reporter who maintained a nice balance of cynicism and courtesy, Arafat most often resembled a peripatetic arms dealer, wandering the conference world in search of the next negotiation that might do his stateless people a bit of good.

The year-long task of making this documentary was a considerable tribute to Colvin's courage and tenacity in asking questions that are usually now avoided in the light of Arafat's recent translation from *Time* magazine "rebel of the year" to the more respectable status of roving statesman. A fighter with Egyptian resistance at the time of Suez, Arafat became at least distantly implicated in the "Black September" murders, a charge, meticulously detailed by Colvin's documentary, which was dismissed by the PLO leader with an embarrassed grin, which nevertheless indicated that he would answer no further questions on the matter.

A strolling player who wanted to be Moses but finished up as Noah, Arafat has now found a new role as the father of Palestinian youth. His Geneva statement of December 1988, renouncing terrorism and formally recognizing Israel, got him back on the cover of *Time* as a statesman, but Colvin's witnesses seemed unconvinced that the rebel had altogether abandoned the armed struggle. The old actor may yet have another role in store, but he has, after 30 years of conflict, failed to get even a yard of territory out of Israel.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

EXHIBITION

A show of consuming passion

Sarah Jane Checkland previews a V&A exhibition focusing on Eighties consumer goods which are becoming collector's items

ALISTAIR GRANT

Object "made to be collected": Chair by designer Robert Venturi

Enter a consumer's world, frequented by Nike trainers, Walkmans and ubiquitous Levis. Instead of winging their wearers up the escalators of Harrods, or featuring in an Argos catalogue, however, these items are now presented on museum plinths.

Along with their more prosaic brothers, such as designer chairs and studio pottery, the items are the subjects of "Collecting for the Future: A Decade of Contemporary Acquisitions", an exhibition starting today at the V&A. Surprisingly, this is the first such exhibition mounted in nearly 150 years by the "Museum of Modern Manufacture". The Boilerhouse, which was in the V&A from 1981 to 1987 before becoming the Design Museum, mounted several exhibitions which concentrated on specific consumer themes, such as the Coca-Cola phenomenon, and "Taste".

Collecting is no longer the simple, gentlemanly exercise understood by the museum's founder, Henry Cole, whereby "the best works of all periods and countries should be obtained as far as practicable . . . Where the taste of the age or country has been low, few specimens will be necessary . . . ".

The museum is besieged by competing styles — neoclassicism, post-modernism and kitsch — undermined by fast-changing fashions and built-in obsolescence, and confused by greed, which dictates that what was once bought for love is now bought for investment. Inevitably, the exhibition will be used as a shopping-list for speculators.

The challenge is to represent these many different aspects of contemporary life, while continuing Cole's collecting tradition, and keeping within the museum's budget. Many objects have been acquired for the collection gratis or at cost price.

No doubt some will complain that many key artefacts of the Eighties have been left out. Where is the MFI furniture display so beloved by the masses? What about the return of costume jewellery to our ears and necks?

Some objects — furniture in particular — have been commissioned especially for the museum, and so have little connection with the outside world. Has the budget been used properly? Or has the museum been used by manufacturers and craftsmen as a prestige venue in which to show their wares?

Questions will be asked about the credentials of the museum moghuls appointed to select objects to represent our time. The museum sidesteps these issues, however by using an American exhibition organizer who can claim the impartiality of a foreigner. He is Christopher Wilk, who, after stints at the Brooklyn Museum and the Museum of Modern Art in New York, is the V&A's assistant keeper of furniture.

Although his conversation is peppered with asides ("Will I get in trouble for saying this?"), Wilk is refreshingly acerbic about his public, saying that we lag behind our European counterparts in generosity and taste, spending less per capita on furniture than any country in Europe, including Greece and Portugal. And our manufacturers are slow to give objects to the museum.

Our continuity of tradition, he says, has the disadvantage of making for an "entrenched conservatism which gets you Quinlan Terry and the Georgian revival, subscribed to by Mrs Thatcher when she bought that house in Dulwich". With a groan, he contrasts our Prime Minister's traditional office furniture with that of President Mitterrand, who uses plastic chairs by Philippe Starck.

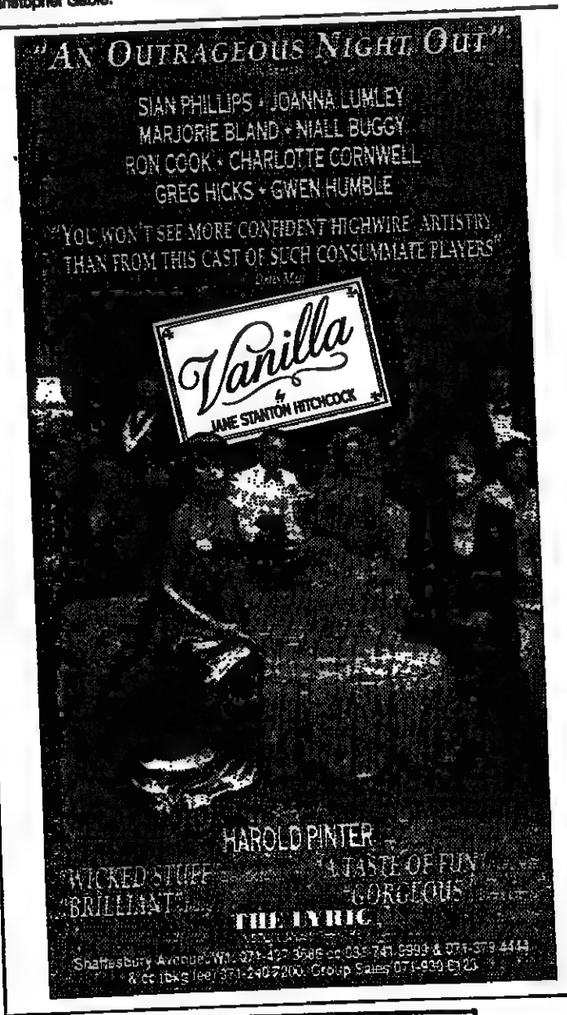
Wilk has no general thesis about the exhibition. There is no discursive catalogue. But some items are priced, and there are some breathlessly worded captions worthy of Saatchi and Saatchi: Ralph Lauren's line in sporty gear, for example, "has worldwide appeal, combining English taste with American dash". The icons of the 1980s must speak for themselves.

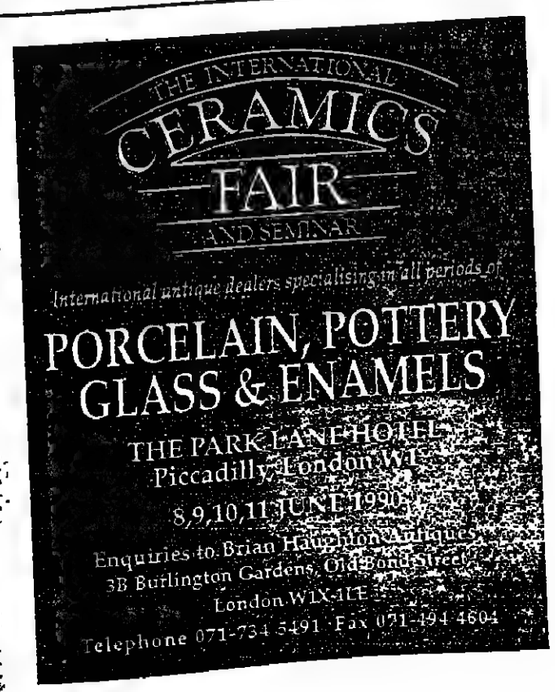
Here, therefore, is a bald presentation of objects for decoration, objects for daily use, design process, marketing, objects "made to be collected", and polemical objects "intended to make a provocative statement about their particular object type, its material or even about design in general" (such as chairs "that are not comfortable; teapots that do not pour properly, or clothes that make walking difficult").

The category of objects for collection includes imitations of exhibits in the museum itself, which bring in a huge revenue. The highly-successful Franklin Mint range of miniature teapots is copied from examples in the collection, and the company which produces them helps to take "the strain" out of collecting, we are told, by sending them to collectors one by one.

Christopher Wilk's next project is to compile an aural reference library, in which owners of objects from a given era will be recorded explaining just what their trainers or Filofaxes mean to them. Let's hope he starts soon, so that when our fads give way to new forms, we can recapture their significance.

● Collecting for the Future: A Decade of Contemporary Acquisitions *opens today at the Victoria & Albert Museum, London SW7 (071-938 8500) and continues until August 12. Monday to Saturday 10am-5.50pm, Sunday 1.30pm-5.50pm. Admission: optional donation of £2.00*





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Puppy love fails to bite

TRISTRAM KENTON

Yvonne's brother (Matthew Sim, centre rear) enters the village schoolroom in Euan Smith's adaptation of *The Lost Domain*

THEATRE

The Lost Domain
Watermill Theatre, Bagnor

ALAIN-FOURNIER's *Le Grand Meaulnes* always struck me as a drippish sort of book. Perhaps I read it at an unromantic age, but the tormented consequences of the schoolboy hero's love at first sight seemed altogether too self-imposed, the mishaps so easily avoidable if Meaulnes and his comrades had only been more open with one another. Perhaps I was reading H.G. Wells at the same time: they do things differently there.

Even the romantically turreted chateau, the famous "lost domain" that he could not find his way back to, lay only some 15km away from the village school. Could he not have consulted a *Michelin Guide* or looked in a phonebook?

The mysterious fête with the children hopping about in fancy dress, watched over by the beautiful Yvonne, caught my imagination, certainly, but still seems curiously artificial. It was actually inspired not by any château in his native Sologne but, of all things, by an English garden party Fournier attended while working for Sanderson's wallpaper factory in Turnham Green. Such are the marvels of imagination.

Artful though Euan Smith's adaptation is in some respects — in framing it, for example, in the narrator's mind as he lies dying in the trenches — the telescoping of episodes brings into greater prominence all the irritating features of the book. The characters who miss each other in the forest by hours, in this production miss each other by seconds. They are seen withholding crucial news. They are seen failing to recognize Yvonne's hysterical young brother, whose bandages cover barely half his face. And, of course, the actors, capable though they are, must speak desperately on and on about their unforgettable, irreplaceable calf-love.

In the early scenes, set in the village, Rufus Sewell's handsome looks and grave smile serve the production well in suggesting the authority of Meaulnes. A hundred years earlier he would have been called Byronic, although Fournier gives the statutory limp to his alter-ego François, who is played with clever self-effacement by Valentine Pelka. Candida Gubbins's voice, as Yvonne, has a gentle and tender huskiness.

These early scenes are also the better areas of Chris White's production. I like the way the two friends plan to climb a distant hill and then slump instantly down, having reached it.

A scene beside the river bank is another skilfully directed passage, with half a dozen friends naturally grouped around Gregory Smith's leafy, gilded set.

But as the lovers become loopier, the control of the story slackens until it is only David Roper's attractive music that sustains the mood of magical romance. Roper's delicate music-box waltz recalls, aptly, the tone of *Jules et Jim*, and the slipping of a love song into a minor key is poignant. In that movement, the bitter-sweet charm of the "lost domain" briefly finds itself.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT

Berlin PO/Barenboim
Festival Hall

THOSE who read Richard Morrison's review will know that my colleague thought the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, in its concert on Sunday, to have been in danger of using Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony as a vehicle for itself, rather than the other way around. In Bruckner's case there is less danger of perpetrating such atrocities. His music is about glorious sounds, grand gestures.

Whether those things add up to anything of substance in performance depends largely upon the conductor's grasp of the work's architecture. Bruckner is there to be climbed, and you either climb or you do not. Daniel Barenboim (deputizing for Seiji Ozawa) and the superb orchestra at his command, surmounted the tall summit of the Seventh Symphony in glorious style.

From the beginning, with that ascent rising arpeggio played with unbelievable richness by the violas and cellos, it was clear that this was to be a reading of luxuriant sounds. Even when the brass were blasting at full volume, either in noble hymnody at the Adagio's climax or in more frantic vein, there was never a hint of the rattling coarseness you would expect from just about any other orchestra in the world. Yet, marvellous though this playing was (and we must not forget the wondrously-blended woodwinds), a nagging worry persisted. Had the polish obscured the work's all-important elemental side?

There could be no dispute, however, about the appropriateness and eloquence of the Adagio, Bruckner's elegy for Wagner. Barenboim dared to take this movement at an almost Bernstein-like extreme, eschewing rigidity of beat for expressive waves of his hands, and sometimes not even that!

Because of such tactics, not every entry was unanimous; but another, more important consequence was that the music's heart-rending emotions were allowed free rein.

In the face of such momentous music-making, recollections of Murray Perahia's reading of Mozart's Piano Concerto in E flat, K482, were unsurprisingly consigned to the mind's, as well as this review's, last paragraph. Cloyed though the strings sounded in this Classical context, Perahia played with his usual refinement, adding touches of teasing wit in an otherwise over-graceful finale.

STEPHEN PETTITT

DANCE

Nouvelle Lune
Theatre Royal, Bath

THE programme which Wilfride Piollet and Jean Guizerix brought to the Bath Festival on Saturday was impeccably composed and presented. Two of the most distinguished recent stars of the Paris Opéra, they have no interest in the typical celebrity concert with razzmatazz display pieces. Instead, they have assembled a programme of four substantial and varied duets by different choreographers, all of which were receiving their British premières.

The first half contained work by two 20th-century masters. In *Sonatine*, George Balanchine uses the classic tradition with playful abandon: the dances are light, charming and full of what looked like capricious invention, but always reflecting Ravel's music (played on stage by Pierre Pontier).

The long ballet, *Un Jour ou Deux*, which Cunningham and John Cage created at the Opéra in 1973 (with Piollet and Guizerix prominent in the cast), could hardly be more different in its modern-dance approach. Yet it is equally apt for these performers, who gave a suite of passages created for them: smoothly but sharply articulated movement deliberately unrelated to the accompanying sounds.

For further contrast, between these two items they danced *Passé Simple*, a suite in 18th-century style to music by Rameau, created by Francine Lancelot from notations published in 1711. It was interesting to see how natural they made the saraband, minuet and other dances look in comparison with the contrived artificiality required of their manners between the dances.

The second half of the evening was devoted to *Nouvelle Lune*, created by Andy Degroat, an American choreographer living in France. This allows a mixture of set elements and free choice to a sequence of eight *études* by Debussy.

It brings together the many qualities which give these two dancers their individuality: the strength and control of their academic background; the freedom and unexpectedness of their contemporary attitudes; intelligence and feeling, humour and reserve. All are informed with a warm humanity symbolized by the affection with which Piollet gathers to her breast two pigeons which share the stage during one of her solos.

Many of the phrases could come from a conventional ballet; her swift *chaîné* turns, or his swift jumps to either side, with legs tucked up underneath him. But they are combined with an easy assurance, and a variety of speed, emphasis, mood and inflection, that respond perfectly to the music but always look spontaneous.

The possibility of presenting such a programme derives partly from the personalities and ability of these two dancers, and partly from their experience working in a large, established and diverse company which allows its stars scope for outside activities. I cannot think of any British dancers able to provide an exact equivalent, but if we could learn at all from their example, the dance scene outside London might be substantially enriched.

JOHN PERCIVAL

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

HARD TO KILL (18): Steven Seagal as a cop emerging from a seven-year coma to avenge himself on his assailants. Lacklustre action fare, with Kelly Le Brock.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE PUNISHER (18): Routine thuggery, based on the Marvel Comics character, with Dolph Lundgren as a former police captain avenging his family's death.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

THE VANISHING (12): The boyfriend of a tourist kidnapped in France hunts for her taunting captor. Slick thriller in the Hitchcock mould from Dutch director George Sluizer.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

WE'RE NO ANGELS (15): Robert De Niro and Sean Penn as convicts hiding out in a monastery. Combat comedy-drama partly saved by its strong period atmosphere; director, Neil Jordan.
Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CURRENT

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema; a hugely appealing salute to the movies.
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) Phoenix (071-240 9661).

DREAMS (PG): Akira Kurosawa's fantasia on themes of violence, ecology, and the artist's urge to create: uneven, a touch naive, but a visual feast.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ DRIVING MISS DAISY (U): Sweet, endearing film of Alfred Uhry's play about a refined Southern lady (Jessica Tandy) and her black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman). Directed by Bruce Beresford.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Warner (071-439 0791).

THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY II (PG): Comical cut-ups in the Kalahari desert with a bunch of civilization's finest, an African bushman and his children. Crude comedy for the unsophisticated; director, Jamie Uys.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

◆ HARLEM NIGHTS (15): Tired, vulgar period tale about a nightclub threatened by a corrupt crime boss; an unappetizing vehicle for Eddie Murphy (ambitiously serving as writer, director and star).
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER (PG): Sean Connery as a Soviet submarine commander trying to defect. Ponderous pre-glasnost drama.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999).

◆ INTERNAL AFFAIRS (18): Richard Gere and Andy Garcia as Los Angeles cops sucked into a vortex of insecurity and corruption. Tired thriller, given some kick by British director Mike Figgis.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ JOHNNY HANDSOME (15): Grating, unsympathetic action fodder from director Walter Hill, with Mickey Rourke as a disfigured criminal who plans a double-cross following plastic surgery. With Ellen Barkin.
Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527).

◆ KING OF THE WIND (U): Peter Duffell's picturesque family film based on the real-life adventures of an 18th-century mute Arab boy (Navin Chowdhry) and his horse. With Nigel Hawthorne, Jenny Agutter.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

◆ THE KRAYS (18): Brooding, bloody drama about the rise and fall of the East End gangsters, from war-time childhood to incarceration in separate prisons. Peter Medak directs an imaginatively chosen cast: Gary and Martin Kemp, Billie Whitelaw.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ LEVIATHAN (18): Derivative, cliché-logged underwater thriller about scientists on the ocean floor, under attack from genetic transformation. Peter Weller, Richard Crenna.
Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

◆ LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12): Infantile comedy about an unmarried mum and her talking baby. John Travolta, Kirstie Alley and Bruce Willis's voice.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

LOVERBOY (15): Patrick Dempsey as a frisky pizza delivery boy with appreciative women clients. Disappointing, bland comedy from director Joan Micklin Silver.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

◆ McCABE AND MRS MILLER (18): Revival of Robert Altman's moody Western about a gambler (Warren Beatty) establishing a bordello in a mining town. With Julie Christie.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

MONSIEUR HIRE (15): Intense, stylish version of Simenon novel about a bachelor's dark obsession with his neighbour; a striking achievement by director Patrice Leconte, previously known for comedies. With Michel Blanc and Sandrine Bonnaire.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Renoir (071-837 8402).

MY LEFT FOOT (15): The Christy Brown story; uplifting fare, marvellously acted, with Oscar-winners Daniel Day-Lewis and Brenda Fricker.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET 5: THE DREAM CHILD (18): Robert Englund's vengeful monster tediously preys on yet more children. Gruesomely polished special effects, but the plot is a thing of shreds and patches.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ NUNS ON THE RUN (12): Eric Idle and Robbie Coltrane sheltering as nuns in Janet Suzman's convent school. Fast and furious drag comedy, aimed at fanciers of the strenuously zany, from writer-director Jonathan Lynn.
Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ PRETTY WOMAN (15): Shamelessly old-fashioned romantic comedy, given some modest charm and sparkle by Julia Roberts as a gawky prostitute who softens the crust of ruthless businessman Richard Gere. Director: Garry Marshall.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ SHE-DEVIL (15): Roseanne Barr as the jilted frump who takes revenge when her husband takes up with Meryl Streep. Overly strident adaptation of Fay Weldon's *Life and Loves of a She-Devil* from director Susan Seidelman.
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

◆ SWEETIE (15): Prickly Australian portrait of an unstable teenager wreaking havoc on the suburban life of her shrinking violet sister. A fine feature début by director Jane Campion, poised on the knife-edge between nightmare and farce.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ TROP BELLE POUR TOI (18): Gérard Depardieu dithers between his wife and mistress. Skilful satire on marital mores from Bertrand Blier.
Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ THE WAR OF THE ROSES (15): A perfect marriage self-destructs violently. Exhausting black comedy, with Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner.
Cannons: Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

◆ THE WITCHES (PG): Roald Dahl's tale of witches attempting to turn children into mice, pleasantly adapted and vigorously acted (especially by Anjelica Huston), though without much sign of a major director at the helm (Nicolas Roeg).
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Minema (071-235 4225) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

FESTIVAL

GREENWICH FILM FESTIVAL: From June 7 to June 16, Greenwich hosts an enterprising festival of new films and special events. British première screenings include Harry Hook's version of *Lord of the Flies*, John Boorman's absurdist comedy *Where the Heart Is*, Mike Hodges's atmospheric occult thriller *Black Rainbow*, and a droll low-budget horror spoof, *I Bought a Vampire Motorcycle*. Plus animation, film school shorts, and a two-part tribute to puppet master Gerry Anderson.
Greenwich Cinema, 180 Greenwich High Road, London SE10 (081-853 0055).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London

■ House full, returns only
★ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR: Ayckbourn's achingly funny serious-comedy, directed by the author.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 25mins. Booking to Aug 11.

☐ AS YOU LIKE IT: Sophie Thompson in accomplished production packed with delights.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Underground: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. Running time: 3hrs. In repertory.

■ BURN THIS: John Malkovich is eye-catching but mannered as the virile force in Lanford Wilson's American comedy.
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage, NW3 (071-722 9301). Underground: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mins. Until July 7.

☐ DESIRE: Spirit possession in Zimbabwe; uneven David Lan play.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Underground: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 1hr 40mins. Ends June 9.

☐ FASHION: Revised revival of Doug Lucie's piercing satire on advertising ethics.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground: Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Ends June 23.

☐ HANGING THE PRESIDENT: Traverse Theatre's chilling drama by Michele Celeste, set in a Pretoria jail where two white murderers are to be hanged next morning.
Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Underground/BR: Clapham Common/Clapham Junction. Tues-Sun, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 30mins. Until June 17.

☐ HENRY IV: Sound production of Pirandello's masterwork: Richard Harris affecting as the man who must pretend to be emperor.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins. Booking to July 7.

★ MAN OF THE MOMENT: Mercilessly harsh comedy by Ayckbourn: good meets evil on the Costa del Sol; with Michael Gambon, Peter Bowles.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3667). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Booking to Aug 18.

☐ NOEL AND GERTIE: Simon Cadell, Patricia Hodge amble down Memory Lane with Coward.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, SW1 (071-930 2578). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins. Booking to June 16.

■ PERICLES: Rob Edwards and Susan Sylvester in thrill-packed account of the bard's stormy fairytale.
The Pit, Barbican Centre (as above). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. Running time: 3hrs. In repertory.

☐ THE POLICE: Mainly crass production of Slawomir Mrozek's 1958 satire on a secret police force left with no-one to arrest.
Soho Poly Theatre, 16 Riding House Street, W1 (071-636 9050). Underground: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 2hrs. Ends June 16.

★ PUNISHMENT WITHOUT REVENGE?: Riveting production of Lope de Vega's last play: an honourable crime horribly and subtly avenged.
Gate, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Underground: Notting Hill Gate. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats June 9, 16, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins. Ends June 16.

■ RACING DEMON: David Hare's award-winning state-of-the-church drama.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground: Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins. In repertory.

☐ RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET: Hit rock 'n' roll show, tacky but jolly. Inexplicable winner of Best Musical award.
Cambridge Theatre, Seven Dials, WC2 (071-379 5299). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 8.30pm, mats Fri and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Booking to Sept 29.

☐ THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL: Prunella Scales, Jane Asher, John Neville in fairly good revival.
National Theatre (Olivier) (as above). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mins. In repertory.

☐ SHADOWLANDS: Nigel Hawthorne, Jane Lapotaire in touching play about C.S. Lewis's Indian Summer love.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-734 1166/071-439 3849). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins. Booking to July 28.

☐ SHIRLEY VALENTINE: Elizabeth Estensen as Willy Russell's domestic worm turning into a Greek nymph.
Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Booking to June 30.

☐ SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE: Spell-filling Sondheim inspired by Seurat's painting of a million dots.
National Theatre (Lyttelton) (as above). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. Not in repertory. Running time: 2hrs 50mins. Ends June 16.

☐ THE TABLE OF THE TWO HORSEMEN: The love that dare not speak its name, tongue-tied in the officers' mess at Rawalpindi.
Greenwich, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). British Rail: Greenwich. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins. Ends June 16.

☐ VANILLA: Starry cast (Joanna Lumley, Sian Phillips) cavort in a grotesque tragi-farce about the super-rich.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 1hr 30mins. Booking to Sept.

☐ THE WILD DUCK: Superbly detailed Peter Hall production with Alex Jennings in top form as the comically selfish Hjalmar. A great evening.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-836 2294). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 3hrs. Booking to Aug 4.

☐ THE WOMAN IN BLACK: Superior thriller complete with mists, mystery and old graves.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, WC2 (071-836 2238). Underground: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs. Booking to Sept.

LONG RUNNERS: ■ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales Theatre (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ■ Cats: New London Theatre (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ Les Liaisons Dangereuses: Ambassador Theatre (071-836 6111) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi Theatre (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace Theatre (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-379 4444) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: (postal bookings only) Her Majesty's Theatre (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Aldwych Theatre (071-836 6404) . . . ☐ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665).

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 28

SPANIOLATE
(c) To hispanicize, to copy old Spanish customs, usually, because of the accidents of English history, a pejorative, from the Old French *Espaignol* a Spaniard: "His brother Earnest, much lyke him in disposition, bothe extreemely spaniolated."

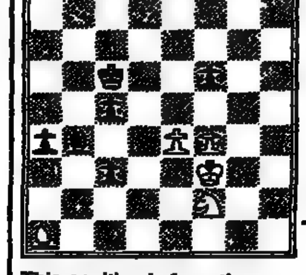
EPEOLATRY
(c) The worship of words, from the Greek *epos* a word + *latreia* worship: "A long farewell to Marshall McLuhan, most treacherous of clerks, and a threat to all who cherish epeolatry."

BANTENG
(c) The East Indian Wild Ox, *Bibos sondaicus*, from the Malay *Tsine*: "Blood-curdling tales are told in Batavia of the ferocity of the rhinoceros and banteng."

PUJA
(c) Worship, reverential observance, a Hindu festival, from the Sanskrit *puja* worship: "The person now approached the sacred tree, and having performed puja to a stone deity at its foot, proceeded . . ."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is from the game Milligan (White) — Jackson (Black), Blackpool Zonal 1990. How does Black exploit her dangerous passed pawns? Solution in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Nf6+! Bxf6 2 Rxe7 Bxe7 3 Qxf7+ and 4 Qxe7.

ENTERTAINMENTS

EVENTS

EARLS COURT BOX OFFICE & C.C. 071 370 8900/1 24HR C.C. BOOKING FEE 071 497 9977/ 071 379 4444
TORVILL & DEAN WITH THE RUSSIAN ALL STARS A SENSATIONAL BRAND NEW SHOW MUST END JUNE 10 BOOK NOW

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GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA with The London Philharmonic. Tomor & Sat at 5.55 Albert Herring: a few returned tickets available. Sun at 5.20 Tue at 6.20 KAT'A KABANOVA Some returned tickets available. Mon at 5.25 DIE ZAUBERFLOTE some returned tickets available. Tickets at £54 and £30 still available for some performances of New Year. For possible returned tickets/ recorded information call 0273-541111.

COLISEUM 071 836 3161 cc 071 240 5258 071 379 4444 071 240 7200 (Bkg Fee) (Bkg Fee)
THE KIROV BALLET
Season until July 7. This week LE CORSAIRE Mon-Fri 7.30. Sat 2.00 & 7.30

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 071 240 1066 /1911. Standby info 071 836 6903 S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day.
MIDLAND BANK PROMS WEEK THE ROYAL OPERA
Ton't 7.30 Il trovatore latecomers not admitted until 8.45. Tomor 8.00 The Cunning Little Vixen.

SADLER'S WELLS 071 278 8916 First Call 24 hr 7 days 240 7200. Until 16 June Eves 7.30, Sat Mat 2.30 NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE Until Sat Lipizzaner/ Strange Meeting/ Liaisons Amoureuses.

THEATRES

ADELPHI 071 836 7611 or 071 240 7913/4 CC 081 741 9999/ 071 836 7358/071 379 6433 First Call 24hr cc 071 497 9977 (no bkg fee) Grps 071 930 6123 NOW BOOKING TO OCTOBER
ME AND MY GIRL
THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL
Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" Sunday Express

ALDWYCH 071 836 6404 (cc no bkg fee 379 4444 240 7200 741 9999) Evenings 8.0 Mat Thur 2.30 Saturdays 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" DM The Theatre of of Comedy Co Eric Sykes Terry Scott Derek Griffiths
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Written And Directed By Ray Cooney
LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY OVER 3,023 Side-splitting performances "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S Exp

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BLOOD BROTHERS
STARRING KIKI DEE "ASTONISHING...A Milestone in British Musicals" S Exp ...Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

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BERNADETTE
The People's Musical Opens June 21 at 7pm Sub Evgs 7.45, Thur & Sat 3.0

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"MUSICALS COME AND GO THIS ONE WILL STAY" S Tms Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm Check daily for returns. A few balcony seats usually available. Latecomers not admitted until the interval NOW BOOKING TO END OCT POSTAL BOOKINGS ONLY

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Today 2.15 & 7.30, Tomor 7.30 (Seats now Available) SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE Sondheim & Lapine.
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9.00 News and weather followed by The Travel Show Guides. The Austrian Tyrol (r)
9.35 Discovering Birds. The pleasures of bird watching
10.00 News and weather followed by Matchpoint (r)
10.25 Children's BBC introduced by Simon Parkin and starting with Playdays 10.50 Stoppit and Tidyup (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Dr Akbar Ahmed reads from his book *Discovering Islam*
11.00 News and weather followed by Hudson and Halls. High camp cookery. (r) 11.30 Tricks of the Trade. Time and labour-saving tips (r)
12.00 News and weather followed by Dallas (r). (Ceefax) 12.50 The Travel Show UK Mini Guides. Northern Ireland's dramatic Causeway coast (r) 12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Matchpoint. Angela Rippon presents the second semi-final in the tennis-style scoring quiz
2.15 Knots Landing. More adventures and intrigue from one of America's rich and glamorous television families
3.05 Dickie Bird. A profile of one of cricket's most respected umpires and richest characters. He reveals some of the secrets of his trade and looks back over his great cricketing moments. Dennis Lillee and Allan Border add their tributes (r) 3.35 Lifeline. Lynette Lithgow and Cliff Michelmore with the latest charity news; Judith Hann appeals on behalf of the National Eye Research Centre at Bristol Hospital (r). Wales: The North Wales Mayors' Flood Disaster Appeal
3.50 Caterpillar Trail to Britain's newest national park — the Norfolk Broads 4.05 Around the World with Willy Fog. Cartoon adventures (r) 4.35 The Movie Game. Philip Schofield with another round of the inter-school film and video quiz. Contestants today come from Grantham, Maidstone and Nairn
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Moondial. Episode five of the drama serial about a teenage girl who is transported back in time (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. The guests include actor Daniel J. Travanti, novelist Edna O'Brien and *Monty Python* comic Terry Jones
7.40 The Kon-Tiki Man: Flood and Fire. Following the adventures of the explorer Thor Heyerdahl. This week his reed boat Tigris reaches the mouth of the River Indus where the voyage reaches a dramatic climax. (Ceefax)
8.05 Dallas. More from the rich and glamorous Texan set as JR, at his conniving best, deliberately creates problems between James and Michelle. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson
9.00 Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party
9.05 News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.35 Frontiers: Gold and the Gun.
● The frontiers to be explored in this new documentary series — eight films in all — are as much mental as physical if Nadine Gordimer's opener on Mozambique is any guide. Returning to the one-time Portuguese colony where she spent her honeymoon, the South African-born writer cannot shake out of her intelligent head the memories of the black-white boundaries that ran across her adolescent memories. In adulthood, she records her shame and horror over her mother country's covert support for the Renamo rebel army in Mozambique. The fear she once felt about the blacks around her has now been transmuted into the dread she experiences when she hears, from the most haunted human being she has ever met — a former Renamo go-between — the evidence that nails Pretoria's lie about non-involvement in the rebel army barbarities. (Ceefax)

Nadine Gordimer: fear turned to dread (9.35pm)

10.25 Film: Blow Out (1981) starring John Travolta, Nancy Allen and John Lithgow. Stylish thriller, loosely based on Antonioni's *Blow Up*, in which a movie sound man accidentally records a car crash in which a leading politician dies. From the tape he realises that it was not an accident. As one review put it: "the camera is better deployed than the script". Directed by Brian De Palma. Northern Ireland: General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland 11.05 Arafat — Behind the Myth
12.05am Weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Physics — Magnetism 7.10 Scenes from *Dr Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe. Ends at 7.35
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster
9.00 Daytime on Two: teaching the very young 9.35 Emergency first aid 9.45 A level German 10.05 For the very young 10.20 Slums in the developing world 10.40 Information world 11.00 Learning to read series 11.15 Professional persuaders talk about their techniques 11.35 Primary school science 12.05 Job options for young people 12.30 Two young people try to find work in London 12.55 Reading and writing for adults 1.20 *Pie in the Sky* 1.40 The Eurotunnel Exhibition Centre
2.00 News and weather followed by Storytime 2.15 Country File. Environmental problems on the Scilly Isles (r) 2.40 Made by Man. Barrel-organ music 2.55 The Travel Show Traveller. Roquetas de Mar on Spain's Costa Almeria (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Wild World: Highland Story (r) 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Film: Portrait of Jennie (1948, b/w) starring David Wayne, Henry Hull, Lillian Gish and Florence Bates. Eerie love story that poses fundamental questions about time, space and, of course, love. Directed by William Dieterle.
5.20 The Historyman. Bryan McNerney looks at why the Pilgrim Fathers named their new settlements after the places they left behind (r)
5.30 Film 90 with Barry Norman includes reviews of *The Package* and *Diamond Skulls* (r)
6.00 DEF II begins with The Invaders. Aliens who have taken human forms are planning for world domination in this 1960s science fiction series (r)
6.50 Worlds Apart. A high percentage of football's income is from supporters who regularly pass through the turnstiles. But these fans have little or no say in the running of their clubs. Kirsty Wark referees a debate between a group of young supporters and some of those who have senior positions in running the game
7.30 Hidden Ground. Author John McGahern talks about his life as a writer, what motivates him and what caused him to pick up a pen in the first place
8.00 Tales from Prague. The last in the series looks at the tale of two newspapers in Czechoslovakia. *Lidove Noviny*, the former underground paper, is now a best-selling daily while *Rude Pravo*, the official Communist Party paper, is struggling. What effect have the monumental changes in the former communist country had on the editorial content of the two papers?
8.10 Horizon Special: Making an Honest Fiver. Tomorrow a new five pound note will be issued. For the first time, cameras have been allowed to follow the whole process inside the Bank of England, which literally turns pulp into money. Trade secrets are revealed such as how they make the Queen grow old gracefully and, more controversially, who decides what figure should appear on the new notes. (Ceefax)
9.00 M*A*S*H: Morale Victory. Another episode in the long-running army hospital black comedy. This week, Hawkeye and BJ are assigned by Colonel Potter to perk up morale. Needless to say, morale declines rapidly (r)
9.25 The BBC Design Awards 1990. Muriel Gray introduces a panel of experts to judge the entries in the Graphics category. Entrants nominated include: the BSB channel identities, the new look for the *Guardian* newspaper and the *Next Directory*
10.10 Badger Night. The British badger lives in fear of having its home destroyed, being run over or, at worst, being baited and then ripped to pieces by dogs for sport. The first of three live programmes to be shown on consecutive nights brings together several specialists and film of a badger set to highlight the plight of the British badger
10.30 Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party
10.35 Newsnight presented by Francine Stock
11.20 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine
12.00 Weather
12.05am Open University: Accessing Chances 12.30 Open Forum Magazine. Ends at 1.00

ITV LONDON

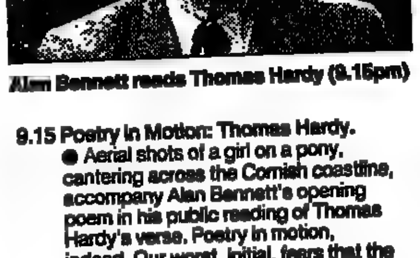
6.00 TV-am
9.25 Chain Letters. Word quiz 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 Out of This World. American comedy series about Donna, an ordinary, everyday teenage girl whose father is out of this world...literally
10.30 This Morning. Magazine series
12.10 Allsorts. For the young (r) 12.30 Home and Away
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Thames News and weather
1.30 The Miriam Stoppard Health and Beauty Show. It's time to keep fit, so the popular television doctor goes Chinese. Followed by Crimestoppers
2.00 A Country Practice 2.30 Take the High Road. Intrigue, drama and mixed emotions from the Highland community of Glendarroch
3.00 Connections. Lateral thinking quiz show 3.25 Thames News and weather 3.30 The Young Doctors
4.00 The Wombles. (Oracle) 4.15 Fraggle Rock 4.40 Kappatoo. Sci-fi comedy about a 16-year-old boy from the 23rd century who switches places with his 20th-century lookalike
5.10 Blockbusters
5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
5.55 Thames Help with details of the Pensioners' Link voluntary organization
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Busman's Holiday. Occupational quiz. This week's contestants are car salesmen from Huddersfield, fingerprint officers from County Durham and hovercraft pilots from Kent. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Up the Garden Path. Gentle comedy in which the consistently excellent Imelda Staunton as schoolteacher Izzy is stranded among a lesser cast, giving the impression that she is the only real person stranded among a series of sit-com cutouts
8.30 The Ronn Lucas Show. American ventriloquist Ronn Lucas says goodbye in his distinctive manner

Pure *Bambi*: a crocodile hatches (9.00pm)

9.00 Survival Special: Here be Dragons.
● Here, to be more exact, are crocodiles. Enough of them to give you nightmares for the rest of the week. This *Survival Special* is an odd mixture of thriller movie and cuddlesome Disney fantasy. When one of the massive reptiles makes its first appearance, among unsuspecting wildebeest taking the waters of the Grumeti river in Tanzania's Serengeti national park, it is the equal of any shock moment from *Psycho*. Yet, when one of the monster mums packs away between her jaws a dozen or so of her chirrupping hatchlings and waddles down to the riverbank, the tenderness is pure *Bambi*. Alan Root's film is also a myth-dispeller. The crocodile does not keep its jaw open in anticipation of lunch, but because the display of molars is good for its evaporative cooling system. (Oracle)
10.00 Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party
10.05 News with Sandy Gall and Trevor McDonald. Weather 10.35 Thames News and weather
10.40 World Cup 90. Nick Owen hosts a special World Cup preview with expert comment from Ian St John, Jimmy Greaves, Graham Taylor and Emlyn Hughes. Elton Welsby reports from Italy with up-to-the-minute news from the English, Scottish and Irish camps. There is also another chance to see this afternoon's Ever Ready Derby
11.50 Film: D-Day the Sixth of June (1956) starring Robert Taylor and Richard Todd as two servicemen, one American, the other British, on a boat about to land on the Normandy beaches. Both are thinking of the woman they left behind. Trouble is, it is the same woman. Lively and action-packed film directed by Henry Koster
1.50am Patter Merchants. Allan Stewart introduces humour from Mike Lancaster, Jethro and Clem Dane
2.15 Videofashion. Fashion magazine from America
2.45 America's Top Ten (r)
3.15 Friday the 13th. Series of macabre tales
4.10 Supercross. Action from this tough and demanding sport
4.40 Fifty Years On. Vintage newsclips
5.00 ITN Morning News with Christabel King. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. The beauty of nature set against a musical background
6.20 Business Daily
6.30 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series. Today's programme looks at the different sounds made by animals
2.00 Channel Four Racing from Epsom. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Silver Seal Woodcote Stakes (2.15); the Diomed Stakes (2.45); the Ever Ready Derby Stakes (3.45); and the Night Rider Stakes (4.40)
5.00 Fifteen-to-One. William G. Stewart hosts another round of the quickfire general knowledge quiz
5.30 Subbuteo: The Panini Subbuteo World Cup. Finger-flicking good. While the world's top football teams wait for the 1990 World Cup to begin, the players competing in the small but beautifully formed Subbuteo World Cup are already fighting it out in Rome, where the home side is favourite to take the cup
6.30 Get Smart. Vintage comedy from the inept secret agent, Maxwell Smart. Smart goes undercover as a chauffeur when he tries to prevent evil KAOS agents from planting exploding paintings in embassies
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Liberal Democrat politician. Weather
8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap. (Oracle)
8.30 Dispatches. A documentary illustrating how, for more than four decades, the lives of the East German people were watched, reported on and filmed by the Stasi secret police



Alan Bennett reads Thomas Hardy (9.15pm)

9.15 Poetry in Motion: Thomas Hardy.
● Aerial shots of a girl on a pony, cantering across the Cornish coastline, accompany Alan Bennett's opening poem in his public reading of Thomas Hardy's verse. Poetry in motion, indeed. Our worst, initial, fears that the restless camera will diminish our enjoyment of the poems are only occasionally confirmed. The cat snaps cannot, for example, compete with Hardy's pen. But some of the visuals — the seabed wreckage of the Titanic and the boy's shadow obliterated with a whitewash brush — actually enhance Hardy's word pictures. Thankfully, Bennett's art gallery audience looks intelligent, misses none of his little jokes and ignores the prowling camera. In the coming weeks, Bennett reads from Houseman, Betjeman, Auden, MacNeice, and Larkin. (Oracle)
9.45 Short and Curlies: The Universe of Dermott Finn. A short drama highlighting the agonies of love starring Warren Saire and directed by Philip Ridley
10.00 The New Statesman: Piers of the Realm. Commons comedy about the not-so-honourable Member for Haltemprice. In the last episode of the series, amoral backbencher B'Stard finds a way to blackmail his colleague, Piers, and films his wife's close encounters with the gardener. But has he gone just a little too far this time? Starring Rik Mayall and Michael Troughton (r)
10.35 Film: Paris, Texas (1984)
● When German directors like Wim Wenders go to the United States to make a film, as Wenders did with this superlative "road" movie, they usually end up, not surprisingly, offering German visions of what an American film is supposed to be. Hence the film's visual and spoken complexities. Even the title is a bit of a head-scratcher, and we have to wait almost until the end to find out the reason why a mother (Nastassia Kinski) and her young son (Hunter Carson) disappeared, and why the drifting husband (Harry Dean Stanton) is in a deeply catatonic state when, with Ry Cooder's haunting guitar on the soundtrack, we first see him — a lost soul if ever there was one — in a bleak Texan landscape. *Paris, Texas* won the 1984 Palme d'Or at Cannes
1.15am Billy Bragg and Michelle Shocked in Concert. Modern-day ballads as East London politico meets Texas activist in a concert recorded at the Dominion Theatre, London in November 1988 (r). Ends at 2.15

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davis 3.00 Mike Read in the Afternoon 5.30 News '90 6.00 Mark Goodier 7.30 Singled Out 8.30 John Peel 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo
4.00am Steve Madden 5.30 Chris Stuart 7.30 Anne Gregg 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.05 Gloria Hunniford 4.05 James Galway 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Some of These Days 7.30 Davy Spillane Band in Concert 8.00 Folk on 2 9.00 The Organist Entertains 9.30 Hank Wangford 10.00 Ken Bruce 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.30 Make 'em Laugh 1.00-4.00 Nightride
MW as above except: 2.05-4.00pm Derby Special 6.45-7.00 Sport and Classified Results

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST.
5.00am World News 5.09 24 Hours; News Summary 5.30 Londres Matin 5.59 Weather 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 7.30 Development '90 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Business Matters 8.30 Just a Minute 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News; Sports Roundup 9.45 A Voice of Our Own 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Midi Magazine 10.59 Travel News 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Newsreel 12.15pm The Poetry of Thomas Hardy 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 1.30 Development '90 2.00 World News; Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf 2.45 Sportsworld 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 BBC English 3.30 Heute Aktuell 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Londres Soir 5.14 News Headlines in English 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 German Features 6.54 Nachrichten 7.00 News; Outlook 7.25 Financial News 7.30 Network UK 7.45 A Voice of Our Own 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News Summary; Sports Roundup 9.15 Counterpoint 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Commentary 11.10 Financial News 11.15 Good Books 11.30 Multitrack 2 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am Winston Comes to Town 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 Waveguide 1.45 Society Today 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Newsreel 2.30 Assignment 2.59 Weather 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 Network UK 3.30 The World Today 3.45 Nachrichten und Presseschau 4.00 Morgenmagazin 4.35 News in German 4.45 Headlines in English and French 4.47 Press Review 4.52 Financial News 4.56 Weather and Travel News

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Dvořák (Polonaise in E flat: Detroit Symphony Orchestra under Dorati); Zelenka (Capriccio No 3 in F: Camerata Bern under van Wijnkoop)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Bach (Concerto in D minor: Paris Orchestra under Monteux, with Yehudi Menuhin and George Enesco, violins); Enesco (Romanian Rhapsody No 1: Romanian Radio Orchestra under Iosif Conta); Poulenc (Trois Novelettes: Pascal Rogé); Telemann (Overture in G "Burlesque de Quixotte": Berlin Academy of Ancient Music)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: J.C. Bach. Overture No 4 in C (Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood); Confitebor tibi, Domine (Soloists, Choir of Einsiedeln Abbey; Collegium Aureum under Rolf Reinhardt); Quintet in C, Op 11 No 1 (English Concert)
9.35 Peter of Bois: New London Consort performs A globo veteri; Veneris prosperis; Vacillantis trutine; Vite perdite; Non te lussise; Olim sudor Herculis. Introduced by Wyndham Thomas (r)
10.15 Cello and Piano: Steven Isserlis, cello, Paul Coker, piano, perform Robert Saxton (Toccata for solo cello); César Franck (Sonata) (r)
11.00 Midweek Choice with Susan Sharpe. Haydn (Harpsichord Concerto: Un-named Orchestra under Walter Goehr, with Wanda Landowska); Schubert (Auf dem Strom, D 943: Ian Partridge, tenor, Hermann Baumann, horn, Werner Genuit, piano); John Ritchie (Clarinet Concertino: Alex Lindsay Orchestra under Alex Lindsay, with Frank Gurr); Gluck (What Is Life? "Orfeo and Euridice": LSO under Malcolm Sargent, with Kathleen Ferrier, alto); Rachmaninov (Suite No 2, Op 17: John Ogdon and Brenda Lucas, pianos); John Foulds (Aquarelles, Op 32: Endellion Quartet); Finzi (Dies natalis: ECO under Christopher Finzi, with Wilfred Brown, tenor)
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from the BBC Concert Hall, London. The pianist James Gibb performs Haydn (Sonata in G minor, H XVI 44); Beethoven (Fantasy, Op 77); Schumann (Humoreske, Op 20)
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Vintage Years: Teresa Stich-Randall, soprano, performs Verdi (Titania's Song, Falstaff, Act 3: with Robert Shaw Chorale; NBC Symphony Orchestra under Toscanini); Mozart (Dove sono "Le nozze de Figaro": with Orchestra du Théâtre des Champs-Elysées under Jouve); Glinka (Antonida's Song "A Life for the Tzar": with Belgrade Opera Chorus; Lamoureux Orchestra under Igor Markevitch); Strauss (Presentation of the Silver Rose, Der Rosenkavalier, Act 1: with the Philharmonia under von Karajan, Christa Ludwig, mezzo); Bach (Cantata No 51, Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen: with Saar Chamber Orchestra under Karl Ristenpart, Maurice André, trumpet)
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from Blackburn Cathedral
5.00 A Discovery in China: A report by Steve Jones on the traditional Chinese Buddhist music he discovered thriving in the village Music Associations near Peking
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with David Hoult
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Robert Hewison chairs a topical discussion
7.30 Bath Festival 1990: Part 1. Live from Christ Church. Nash Ensemble under Lionel Friend, with David Wilson-Johnson, baritone, performs Gerhard (Libra for ensemble); Ravel (Piano Trio in A minor)
8.15 The Chesterian: Part 5: Fact and Fiction. Edward Blakeman presents selections from the musical journal
8.35 Bath Festival: Part 2. Colin Matthews (The Great Journey)
9.25 John Ireland (Concertino pastorale: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under George Hurst)
9.45 Opera News with James Naughtie (r)
10.30 The Impresario: Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra under Leitner, with Edith Wiens, soprano, as Mme Herz; Barbara Kilduff, soprano, as Mlle Siberklang; Deon van der Walt, tenor, as M. Vogelsang; and Gwynne Howell, bass, as Buff, performs the music from Mozart's one-act singspiel
11.00 Composers of the Week: Chopin (Waltz in G flat, Op 70 No 1; Fantasy-Impromptu in C sharp minor; Sonata No 3 in B minor; Five Mazurkas; Scherzo No 2 in B flat minor) (r)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with John Florance (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time from Cumbria (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The Carpet, by Jon Godden. Read by Maureen O'Brien
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; A Hymn to Tiger Bay (LW only):
● Welsh novelist and journalist Tom Davies mourns the transformation of Cardiff's once-notorious docklands into a tourist playground and a commercial enterprise zone, but he retains an evangelistic feeling for the area's multi-racial community which, in a phrase spoken with obvious affection, he describes as "a giant bowl of minestrone". People matter more to Davies than buildings and, in his Tiger Bay gallery, there is a memorable portrait of a philanthropist called Ali whose Christmas spirit could not have been improved on even by Scrooge in the first flush of redemptive enthusiasm (s)
11.47 From Dzikowow to Willesden Green (new series): Part 1: Pre-war Poland. A three-part story of the life of Countess Elizabeth Tyskiewicz, now Mrs Elizabeth Carroll, and mother of actress Rula Lenska (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25pm The Litmus Test: Science quiz hosted by Mike Scott (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes an interview with author Nadine Gordimer; a piece on Déjà Vu, the new model agency for over-40s; a report on homelessness in Paris; and an item on women who smoke pipes
3.00 News; Three Wessex Tales: The Melancholy Hussar, by Thomas Hardy, dramatized by Colin Haydn Evans (2) (s)
3.47 Rich Pickings: Part 3: The Village. Jane Lapotaire and David Suchet with an anthology of poetry and prose about where we live and work
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4: Major issues at home and abroad (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: The Writer's Writer. Paul Allen profiles Ford Madox Ford, author of *The Good Soldier*
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Brain of Britain 1990: Chaired by Robert Robinson (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates listeners' complaints
7.45 Medicine Now with Geoff Watts (r)
8.15 Concerto: Oboe player Heinz Holliger talks to June Knox-Mawer about his career and introduces two of his recordings (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Mordecai Richler's book, *Solomon Gurzky Was Here*, is reviewed; an item on Trobriand cricket, a balletic form of the sport, performed by a team from Papua New Guinea; Louisa Buck reviews The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition; and Michael Oliver listens to Boris Berman's new recording of three piano concertos by Prokofiev (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: An Indiscretion in the Life of an Heiress, by Thomas Hardy (6 of 8)
11.00 Hindsight: Robert Kee looks back at the Aberfan disaster of 1966 when a mountain of coal dust crashed on to the village killing 116 children and 28 adults
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FM as LW except:
11.00am-12.00 For Schools (s) 1.55pm Listening Corner (s) 2.05-3.00 For Schools 5.50-5.55 PM (cont) 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 The New Curiosity Shop 11.50 Lord Briggs on Victorian Culture 12.30-1.10 Night School

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ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Anglia News 2.00-2.30 The Young Doctors 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 6.25-7.00 About Anglia 11.50 Tour of Duty 12.50am The UK Mountain Bike Championships 1.50 Quiz Night 2.20 Pop Profile 2.30 Bedrock: Lindisfarne 3.35 Time Tunnel 4.35-5.00 Farming Diary.

BORDER
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Border News 2.00 Connections 2.30-4.00 Scottish Question Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.50 Legwork 12.50am Brazil '70 1.50 Donahue 2.50 60 Minutes 3.45 Route 66 4.35-5.00 Grand Ole Opry Live.

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Central News 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 6.25-7.00 Central News 11.50 Alfred Hitchcock Presents. Tragedy Tonight 12.25am Tour of Duty 1.25 Sportsworld Special 2.25 Film: Ballad in Blue (Ray Charles, Tom Bell, Mary Peach) 4.00-5.00 Central Jobfinder '90.

GRANADA
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Granada News 2.00-2.30 An Invitation to Remember (Glenda Jackson) 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 11.50 Crime Story 12.50am Brazil '70 1.20 Donahue 2.50 60 Minutes 3.45 Route 66 4.35-5.00 Grand Ole Opry Live.

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 HTV News 2.00-2.30 The Young Doctors 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.50 Beauty and the Beast 12.50am Monte Carlo 2.30 Donahue 3.20 America's Top Ten 3.50 The Big Band TV Disco Show 4.20 An Invitation to Remember (Ian Carmichael) 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six.

TSW
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 TSW News 2.00 Beyond the Gates of Time 2.30-3.00 Santa Barbara 3.27-4.00 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.50 Beyond 2000 12.50am Brazil 70 1.50 Donahue 2.50 60 Minutes 3.45 Route 66 4.35-5.00 Grand Ole Opry Live.

TVS
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 TVS News 2.00-2.30 The Young Doctors 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.50 Film: Scorpio (Burt Lancaster, Alain Delon) or McQ (John Wayne) 1.55 The Twilight Zone 2.30 Vivid 3.30 Night Heat 4.30-5.00 Hollywood Sports.

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Regional News 2.00-2.30 Young Doctors 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Up Country 11.50 Crime Story 12.50am Brazil '70 1.50 Donahue 2.50 60 Minutes 3.40 Route 66 4.30-5.00 Grand Ole Opry Live.

ULSTER
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Ulster Newstime 2.00-2.30 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.50 Yacht Racing 12.50am Brazil 70 1.50 Donahue 2.50 60 Minutes 3.45 Route 66 4.40-5.00 Grand Ole Opry.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Calendar News 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.50 The New Avengers 12.50am In the Heat of the Night 1.45 Coach 2.15 Quiz Night 2.45 Santa Barbara 3.40 Music Box 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C
Starts: 6.00am Art of Landscape 6.30 C4 Daily 9.25 Ysgolion 12.00 The Parliament Programme 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Ty Chwith 1.00 Time to Talk 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Racing from Epsom 5.00 Fifteen to One 5.30 The Lone Ranger 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Y Smyrffs 6.40 Penawdau 7.00 Hel Straeon 7.30 Pobl'r Paith 8.00 Ffermio 8.30 Newyddion 9.00 Film: The Asphalt Jungle (Sam Jaffe, Louis Calhern, Sterling Hayden) 11.10 Brass 11.40 Homage to Beckett 1.15 Billy Bragg and Michelle Shocked in Concert 2.15 Diwedd.

RTE 1
Starts: 12.30pm Simply Delicious 1.00 News 1.30 Ben and Me 1.50 Raggedy Anne and Andy 2.15 Skippy 2.45 Women Writers 3.15 Knots Landing 4.05 Emmerdale Farm 4.30 A Family at War 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 What's My Line 7.30 Joint Account 8.00 Mission Impossible 9.00 News 9.30 Strumpet City 10.30 First Edition 11.05 Spenser — For Hire 12.00 News 12.10am Close.

NETWORK 2
Starts: 1.30pm Bosco 2.30 Racing from Epsom 5.00 Foo Foo 5.20 Worzel Gummidge Down Under 5.50 The Beachcombers 6.20 Home and Away 6.50 Nuacht 7.00 In the Country 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Off the Ball 9.05 Cheers 9.30 News followed by thirtysomething 10.30 News 10.50 After Henry 11.20 Some Call it Jazz 11.50 Close.

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5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 8.30 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The New Price Is Right 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 Sky by Day 12.00 Another World 12.50pm As the World Turns 1.45 Loving 2.15 Three's Company Too! 2.45 Here's Lucy 3.15 Challenge for the Gobots 3.45 Captain Caveman 4.00 Plastic Man 4.30 The New Leave It to Beaver 5.00 Sky Star Search 6.00 The New Price Is Right 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Hey Dad! 7.30 Mr Belvedere 8.00 Rich Man, Poor Man, Book II 9.00 Falcon Crest 10.00 Summer Laugh-In 11.00 Sky News 11.30 Trapper John, MD

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 International Business Report 9.30 The FBI 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Parliament Live 4.30 NBC Today 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 The Reporters 8.30 The FBI 9.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am The FBI 1.30 Newsline 2.30 The Reporters 3.30 The FBI 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm Rookie of the Year: A sporting 11-year-old tomboy causes trouble when she wins a place on an all-boy baseball team. Starring Jodie Foster
3.00 The Rocking Chair Rebellion: A teenager gets involved with local pensioners and discovers they have more in common than she thought
4.00 Stories from a Flying Trunk (1979): Musical version of the tales of Hans Christian Andersen, mixing animation and ballet
6.00 Carry On Abroad: Another riotous escapade with the usual *Carry On* stars, including Kenneth Williams, Sid James, Barbara Windsor and Charles Hawtrey
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Love and Money (1982): Thriller about political life in a small South American country. Starring Ray Sharkey, Ornella Muti, Klaus Kinski and King Vidor
9.40 At the Pictures
10.00 The Beat (1987): A teacher and a newcomer attempt to change the tough ways of local gangs in the Australian neighbourhood of Hellesbay
11.45 Operation Hit Squad: A rescue team is sent into Africa to release a group of hostages held by terrorists who brought down their plane. Starring Vera Johns Sutherland and Charles Segal
1.30am Freddy's Nightmares
4.00 Head Office (1986). A send-up of the world of high finance and big business. Starring Judge Reinhold, Jane Seymour and Danny DeVito. Ends at 5.30am

EUROSPORT

6.00am As Sky One 8.30 World Cup Special 9.00 Motor Racing 10.00 Tennis 6.30pm Cycling: Tour of Italy 7.00 Trans World Sport 8.00 Boxing 10.00 World Cup Special 10.30 Basketball 12.30am French Open Tennis

SCREENSPORT

7.00am US Professional Boxing 8.30 Wide World of Sport 9.30 Motor Sport 11.30 Baseball 1.30pm Motor Sport 3.30 Thai Boxing 4.30 Show Jumping 6.00 Soccer Stars and Legends 8.00 American Football 9.00 Golf 11.00 Motor Sport

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LIFESTYLE

10.00am Everyday Workout 10.30 Search for Tomorrow 10.55 Coffee Break 11.00 Wok with Yan 11.25 Short Casts 11.30 The Edge of Night 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50pm What's New? 12.55 Great American Gameshows 2.00 Afternoon Cinema 3.50 Video Review Show 4.05 Search for Tomorrow 4.35 Tea Break 4.45 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● All films are followed by News and Weather
12.20pm The Movie Show
12.50 The Last Married Couple in America (1980): Comedy about a happily married couple who are so upset by the marriage break-up of their friends that they begin to question their own marriage. Starring George Segal and Natalie Wood
2.50 Parrish (1961): Claudette Colbert and Troy Donahue star in this satirical comedy about a man who lives on a tobacco plantation with his wife and falls in love with three girls there
5.30 The Movie Show
6.00 Disorderlies (1987): Ralph Bellamy stars as a Palm Beach millionaire about to be murdered by his nephew. But, luckily for him, the Fat Boys rap him to safety
8.00 Moonstruck (1987): Cher stars as a dowdy widow on the verge of remarriage who falls in love with her prospective brother-in-law. Co-stars Nicholas Cage
10.00 Poltergeist II (1986) The Freeling family is terrorized yet again by the Poltergeists who invade their tower block apartment and cause chaos. Starring JoBeth Williams, Craig T. Nelson and Heather O'Rourke
11.40 Hostage (1988): Carol Burnett stars as a lonely widow who is taken hostage by a young fugitive on the run from the law and her violent father. Co-stars Carrie Hamilton. Ends at 1.15am

GALAXY

7.00am Superfriends 7.30 Mix-It 8.30 31 West: News and Weather 9.00 Bewitched: *Snob in the Grass* 9.30 Laughlines 10.00 Jupiter Moon 10.30 The Movie Show 11.00 Playabout 11.15 Mrs Pepperpot 11.30 Intellect 12.00 Wife of the Week: News and Weather 12.30pm The Bold and the Beautiful 1.00 Facts of Life 1.30 TJ Hooker 2.30 The Young and the Restless 3.30 Playabout 3.45 Mrs Pepperpot 4.00 Danger Bay: *Time Out* 4.30 Kids Incorporated. *A Decade of Hits* 5.00 Mix-It 6.00 31 West 6.30 Jupiter Moon 7.00 Murphy Brown: *Off the Job Experience*. News and Weather 7.30 Laughlines 8.00 Shoestring: *I'm A Believer* 9.00 Up Yer News 9.15 The Donald Pleasence House of Horrors: *The Astounding She-Monster*. *The Unnameable* 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 12.30am The Movie Show 1.00 Up Yer News

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

1.25pm Sportsdesk 1.30 Racing Today 2.00 Boxing 4.00 American Wrestling 5.00 Supercross 6.00 Sportsdesk 6.30 Isle of Man 89 7.30 Sportsdesk 8.00 The Main Event: Australian Rugby League 9.30 Isle of Man TT 10.00 Racing Today 10.30 Sportsdesk 11.00 On Four Wheels 12.00 Midnight Sportsdesk

NOW

9.30am Left, Right and Centre 10.00 Living Now 11.00 American Business Today 11.30 European Business Today 12.00 First Edition 1.00pm Living Now: Looking Good 1.30 The Countryside Show 2.00 Nina vs the Rest 2.45 Fifteen Minutes from Now! 3.00 Living Now 4.00 Your World 5.00 On the Continent 5.30 The Countryside Show 6.00 Assignment Adventure 7.00 Living Now 8.00 First Edition 9.00 Your World 10.00 European Business Today 10.30 Sex, Lies and Love 11.30 Left, Right and Centre 12.00 American Business Today

THE POWER STATION

7.00am Eighteen hours of rock and pop

STEPHEN MARKESON

Miss Saroj Nelson, a student at Chelsea School of Art, inspecting the bronze and wood "Master of the Universe" by Sir Eduardo Paolozzi, RA, at the Royal Academy

Soviet arms cuts place new pressure on Nato

From ANDREW MCEWEN IN COPENHAGEN

THE Soviet Union yesterday announced unilateral cuts in tactical nuclear weapons in Europe and hinted that the Warsaw Pact will be transformed into a different type of organization at its summit later this week.

The two moves were apparently designed to step up presure on the West for radical changes in Nato, reducing its importance and transferring some of its functions to the 35-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, announced the moves at the *Conference* on the Human Dimension, a human rights forum within the CSCE in Copenhagen, before holding talks last night Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State.

Mr Baker is due to address Nato foreign ministers in Scotland tomorrow on a review of the alliance, while Mr Shevardnadze returnes to Moscow today to attend a Warsaw Pact summit. Both meetings look like clearing the way for bigger changes than had been expected before the Washington summit. The Pact may be about to recognise the reality that it is no longer an effective military organisation. The Nato foreign ministers will set in train a review which could lead to decisions in principal at a summit to be held in London next month. But the essential character of the organisation is unlikely to change as much as Moscow wants.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the British *Foreign Secretary* said yesterday that Mrs Thatcher would tell President Gorbachov in Moscow on Friday about the Nato changes. She would tell him: "That Nato will change, that the levels of manpower and weaponry will (be) reduced, that there will be a review of doctrine."

But he added that some things would not change: "The existing membership, the presence of US and Canadian forces (in Europe), the integrated command, and a sensible mix of nuclear and conventional weapons."

He agreed that his phrase "the existing membership" ruled out any possibility of the Soviet Union becoming a member of Nato, despite hints by the Soviet delegation during the Washington summit. "I don't think that was a serious suggestion," he said.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, said that the Nato alliance should become a more political, less military organisation, more involved in disarmament matters.

Mr Shevardnadze said that the Soviet cuts in short range nuclear weapons were *intended to create favourable* conditions for talks. "The Soviet Union will reduce unilaterally 60 tactical missile launchers, more than 250 units of nuclear artillery and over 1,500 nuclear warheads," he said.

By the end of the year 140 nuclear launchers and 3,200 nuclear guns would have been removed. He said this would leave the Soviet Union with only "small" tactical nuclear forces in Europe. American and British officials responded cautiously. Mr Shevardnadze said the "transformation" of the Pact and of Nato was on the agenda of their respective summits.

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Multi-tier EC urged by Ridley

By NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A PLAN for a multi-tier European Community open to every democratic, free-market Continental country, in which member states would move at their own pace towards economic and political union, was put forward last night by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

He said the EC must take *stock of the upheaval in* Eastern Europe before locking itself into the "restrictive club" envisaged in the Delors plan for a central bank and a common currency.

Urging an EC embracing 17 other countries from the former Soviet bloc and European Free Trade Association states, Mr Ridley cautioned against a "federal and dirigiste" future for the Twelve.

The concept of a united Europe needed to take on a wider dimension. "We should not behave as if we were hastening to raise the gangplank of the Ark with only 12 species of animal on board, leaving 17 on land as the flood level climbs," he told a London meeting organized by the Bruges Group.

Price of RA art — £27 to £86,000

By RUTH GLEDHILL

MORE than 100,000 people are expected to visit the summer exhibition at the Royal Academy, which opens to private view today, and to the public on Saturday.

The exhibition, which offers works of art ranging from £27 for an etching to more than £86,000 for a bronze statue, contains 1,204 pictures and pieces, 19 more than last year, although submissions were down by more than 2,000.

Mr Anthony Green, senior *hanger, said: "We had 11,000* to look at. There was everything from the sublime to the ridiculous. Some were so terrible that even toughies like us had to gulp."

He has three works of his own on the walls, although as a member of the Royal Academy he is entitled to hang six. Over the past 10 years, he said, RA members had submitted an average of 4.2 works of their own.

The 10,000 rejected artists who wish to examine the features of Mr Green, as the man who co-ordinated the selection and hanging committee, can see them peering out of sculpted green leaves where they have been intricately embroidered into a literal representation of his family tree, in a work by his wife, Mary Cozens-Walker. His daughter, Kate, also has two paintings on show.

Mr Green was not responsible for choosing works by members of his family but he did give pride of place in gallery three to a portrait, "Blind Man", by his former art master, Kyffin Williams, RA. "He is one of the unsung heroes of British art."

One of the most striking works was that by Michael *Sandle who, according to Mr* Green, is "one of the best sculptors England has produced in the last 100 years".

Perhaps appropriately, his bronze listed as "A Mighty Blow for Freedom/F**k the Media", was not in its place of honour in gallery three at the start of the press show yesterday — it had been moved into the corner of the smaller central hall the night before to make way for the Academy's annual dinner.

Mr Green said the sculpture, priced at £86,250 and described as "an astonishingly aggresive bronze in which an impassioned figure destroys a television set", was cheap compared with American prices for a comparative piece.

Political sketch

Back with a spring in the *pas de 650*

THE Commons returned yesterday "refreshed" by their short Spring Recess. Within minutes they were at it hammer and tongs. Mrs Thatcher told Neil Kinnock he was too dim to stand up and think at the same time; Mr Kinnock told the PM she had even less sense than he had thought; and everybody had a good yell.

They talk about holidays "re-charging" the batteries. But in this nursery the batteries seemed to operate only war toys. As Mr Speaker and his retinue arrived to re-open the show and switch the playroom lights on, a dozen little motorized Darth Vaders hissed into action, battery-powered Things From The Swamp crawled up the green benches, and *650 1½-volt* ack-ack machines rattled out their messages of hate. Everyone was in cracking form.

Mrs T and Mr K had their usual exchange over the poll-tax. As with other routines which repetition has drained of meaning — like the cabin-crew's demonstration of emergency procedure, party broadcasts, or the latest food scare — there is scope for recreating this performance in the form of a modern ballet.

Mrs Thatcher would swan into the Chamber in star-spangled blue tutu (with wand), execute a neat *pas-de-chat*, and bound gazelle-like over the Dispatch Box into her place. Tory backbenchers, in pale blue robes, would twirl in synchronized ecstasy.

A rose in his teeth, Neil Kinnock would leap from behind the Speaker's chair in skin-hugging pink Lycra cycling-shorts. The Tory chorus would moan and writhe in an agonized, *wraith-like dance*: but Mr Kinnock's own ensemble of scarlet free-spirits, all with designer-tails, would perform a dervish jitterbug.

The Liberals, wearing the flared purples and psychedelic flowers of the 60s, would rush around trying to dance with everybody; while an orange company of Ulster Unionists, waving Bibles, would form into pairs and dance an austere *gavotte*, now parting company, now returning to join hands in temporary harmony. The Scots Nats and Plaid Cymru, topped with berets *à la* Citizen Smith's Tooting Popular Front, would jive in demented isolation.

Pale, storm-visaged and clad all in black, David Owen would stand motionless, his arms folded in silent despair.

And what of Mr Speaker? He already has the wigs, tights and frocks — accoutrements threatening to render this performance too camp for any West End stage. But I envisage him dancing what the skinheads used to call the "pogo" — a solo, up and down, jack-in-the-box performance, brandishing a token volume of *Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice*.

Nor is this the only session now so ritual as to deserve an Arts' Council grant. Two followed, yesterday.

First came the coach crash *in France*. As the Tories' Geoffrey Dickens pointed out, what possible point is there if a score of backbenchers who were neither eye-witnesses nor mechanics, solemnly recite their pet theories as to what *might* have caused an accident still under investigation? Yet the only other "purpose" of this session was for each MP for each constituency where an elector had been killed, to express his condolences. Once a handful have done this, of course, any MP who has not risks isolation as "uncaring". So Mr Speaker had to call them all. It is no disrespect to the bereaved, or to the sympathy of their MPs, to ask whether it might not be a better use of legislative time for them to send flowers.

Finally came a Statement on shellfish poisoning. Nobody having died of this, it fell to the Liberal's Alan Beith to complain that the Government had exaggerated the scare and hurt fishermen. If anyone had died, Beith would with equal grace have danced the alternate role and berated ministers for not scaring the public fast enough.

As the afternoon wore on, my sympathies were with Noel Coward's "Nina" (from Argentina) who refused to dance.

She refused to begin the beguine
When they requested it;
She made an embarrassing scene
When anyone suggested it:
For she detested it."

MATTHEW PARRIS

Zero drink limit proposal

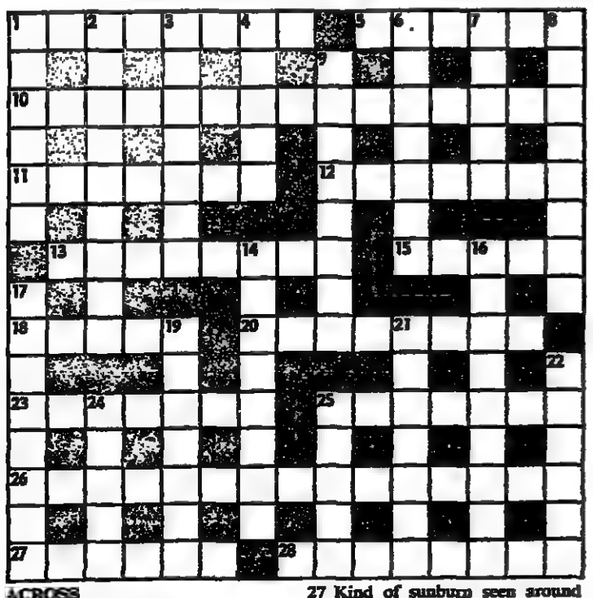
By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is considering proposals for a zero alcohol limit for young drivers as part of its campaign to cut the 900 road deaths a year due to drinking and driving.

Mr Robert Atkins, the Minister for Roads and Traffic, disclosed yesterday at the launch of a £1 million summer anti-drink drive campaign that new measures to protect newly qualified drivers were now under discussion at the Department of Transport.

These included a lowering the blood-alcohol limit below the current 80 milligrammes and possibly to zero for newly qualified drivers.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,313



ACROSS

1 Indian heard to confess to doubling up (8).
5 Joint that mends itself (6).
10 Improvident way to eat (4,4,2,5).
11 Household officer eager at first to ask about the regiment (7).
12 He encourages a gambler (7).
13 Poet is reviewed in books he favours (8).
15 Some scent a love of the classics is returning (5).
18 Instructor's exclamation of impatience to soldiers (5).
20 Part of Asia is in this state — less than half (8).
23 Panda in bizarre cabaret (7).
25 A slice of bread with lunch ain't free! (7).
26 Misguidedly revetting with two hoes — clearly one too many (3,4,3,5).
27 Kind of sunburn seen around the river (6).
28 Campaigns, these days, get involved in many stratagems (8).

DOWN

1 A social gathering this morning for a drink (6).
2 Every military officer originally contributed without hesitation to the fee (9).
3 Scotch starts her weight going up — brisk movement needed (7).
4 Sikes's girl friend in France (5).
6 Method of creating work — in a time of shortage of permanent staff? (7).
7 Failing to give offence (5).
8 Exquisite Oriental leather work (8).
9 Melody containing note of distress (8).
14 Green tarantula ends up in cage (8).
16 Away from the mountains, many went further (9).
17 Refusing to agree to be put out, bowled, *no score, by the Navy* (8).
19 Recoup and insure again (7).
21 Fiddles making a lot of noise (7).
22 Makes one of several old coins (6).
24 Expert in a small specialised sphere *of activity* (5).
25 Show in America, belonging to a lady (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,312

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This puzzle was completed within 30 minutes by 45 per cent of the competitors at the 1990 Birmingham regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SPANIOLATE
a. Chestnut-leaf-shaped
b. To lisps one's s's
c. To hispanicize

EPEOLATRY
a. Night burglary
b. Over-eating
c. Worship of words

BANTENG
a. A Chinese coin
b. A supervisor
c. A wild ox

PUJA
a. A water pipe
b. A high official
c. Worship

Answers on page 26

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WEATHER

A wave depression will cross southern areas during the day. South-west England and Wales will start cloudy with outbreaks of rain which may be heavy at times. This will spread to all other parts by the end of the day. During the afternoon more western areas will brighten up with showers at times. Outlook: Rather cloudy. Showers, mainly in north and west. Rather cool.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Majorca	25	77	s
Akrotiri	23	73	s	Malaga	29	84	s
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Malta	25	77	s
Algiers	26	79	f	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Amst'dam	18	64	s	Mexico C*	22	72	f
Athens	24	75	f	Miami*	30	86	f
Bahrain	34	93	s	Milan	19	64	c
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	12	54	c
Barcelona	23	73	f	Moscow	13	55	r
Belgrade	20	68	f	Munich	17	63	s
Berlin	13	55	d	Nairobi	23	73	c
Bermuda*	26	79	s	Naples	26	79	f
Biarritz	16	61	c	N Delhi	40	104	s
Borde'x	18	64	c	N York*	21	70	c
Brussels	17	63	f	Nice	22	72	f
Budapest	20	68	f	Oslo	20	68	f
B Aires*	12	54	c	Paris	18	64	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Peking	-	-	-
Cape Tn	14	57	c	Perth	20	68	c
C'blanca	23	73	f	Prague	17	63	f
Chicago*	14	57	s	Reykjvik	9	48	c
Ch'church	-	-	-	Rhodes	24	75	s
Cologne	18	64	f	Rio de J	26	79	s
C'phgn	20	68	f	Riyadh	42	108	s
Corfu	25	77	s	Rome	21	70	f
Dublin	12	54	c	Salzburg	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	22	72	s	S Frisco*	18	64	s
Faro	24	75	s	Santiago*	13	55	s
Florence	23	73	c	S Paulo*	26	79	f
Frankfurt	17	63	f	Seoul	25	77	s
Funchal	21	70	s	Sing'por	-	-	-
Geneva	12	54	r	St'kholm	16	61	c
Gibraltar	23	73	c	Strasb'rg	20	68	s
Helsinki	21	70	c	Sydney	15	61	c
Hong K	-	-	-	Tangier	21	70	c
Innsbruck	18	64	f	Tel Aviv	25	77	c
Istanbul	22	72	s	Tenerife	24	75	f
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tokyo	22	72	c
Jo'burg*	17	63	s	Toronto*	12	54	f
Karachi	33	91	c	Tunis	30	86	s
L Palmas	21	70	f	Valencia	28	82	f
Le Tquet	16	61	f	Vanc'ver*	13	55	c
Lisbon	20	68	s	Venice	20	68	c
Locarno	19	66	c	Vienna	19	66	f
L Angeles*	22	72	s	Warsaw	13	55	c
Luxembg	15	59	f	Wash'ton*	19	66	f
Luxor	36	97	s	Wel'ngton	-	-	-
Madrid	23	73	s	Zurich	17	63	f

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarborough	4.7	.02	15	59	sunny
Cromer	1.4	.39	16	61	shower
Lowestoft	1.0	.19	16	61	cloudy
Clacton	10.1	.10	18	64	sunny
Folkestone	12.1	-	19	66	sunny
Hastings	6.8	.04	16	61	sunny
Worthing	9.4	-	16	61	sunny
Bognor Regis	10.9	-	16	61	sunny
Southsea	11.9	-	17	63	sunny
Sandown	13.1	-	16	61	sunny
Poole	9.5	.01	18	64	bright
Swanage	9.5	.07	16	61	shower
Weymouth	12.6	-	17	63	sunny
Exmouth	13.1	.01	17	63	sunny
Torquay	9.4	-	19	66	bright
Penzance	6.9	.06	16	61	sunny
Guernsey	14.0	-	17	63	sunny
St. Ives	8.7	.02	15	59	cloudy
Newquay	6.0	.02	16	61	cloudy
Saunton Sad	11.9	.01	15	59	bright
Minehead	11.6	-	17	63	sunny
Morecambe	6.6	.01	15	59	bright
Douglas	10.2	-	15	59	sunny
Bristol	9.1	-	16	61	sunny
Buxton	6.5	.11	13	55	sunny
Leeds	4.4	-	15	59	bright
London	13.0	-	19	66	sunny
Newcastle	4.9	.01	16	61	shower
Nottingham	7.4	-	17	63	sunny
Anglesey	12.6	-	15	59	sunny
Cardiff	12.0	.01	17	63	shower
Colwyn Bay	11.2	-	16	61	sunny
Tenby	10.8	.02	16	61	sunny
Aberdeen	0.1	.10	15	59	shower
Aviemore	0.4	.04	13	55	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	2.4	.02	14	57	sunny
Glasgow	5.4	.03	16	61	shower
Kinloss	0.3	.36	13	55	rain
Lerwick	0.1	.24	11	52	rain
Tiree	7.2	.08	14	57	sunny
Wick	1.1	.17	13	55	rain

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W & S Yorks & Dales	717*
N E England	718*
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
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Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

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*Includes pollen count.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6 pm, 65 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.2 hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1008.4 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: London, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, northern Scotland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Kinloss, Moray Firth, 0.87 in; highest sunshine: Jersey and Guernsey, Channel Islands, 14 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.07 in Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.3 hr.

GLASGOW

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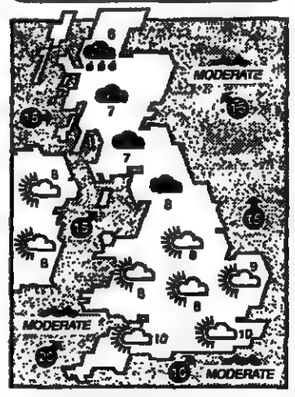

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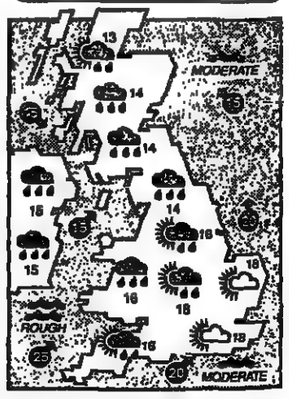

POLLEN COUNT

The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was 76 (high). Forecast for today, low. For the next 24 hours call National Pollen and Hay Fever Bureau: 0896 500429 (updated at midday).

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	9	48r	Guernsey	f	12	54r
B'rmgham	s	13	55r	Inverness	c	14	57c
Blackpool	s	13	55r	Jersey	s	14	57r
Bristol	s	13	55r	London	c	15	59c
Cardiff	c	14	57c	M'nchester	s	13	55r
Edinburgh	s	15	59c	Newcastle	s	13	55r
Glasgow	s	12	54r	R'aldsway	c	11	52r

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.13 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol 9.22 pm to 4.55 am
Edinburgh 9.53 pm to 4.30 am
Manchester 9.33 pm to 4.42 am
Penzance 9.28 pm to 5.14 am

Full Moon June 8

Sun rises: 4.45 am
Sun sets: 9.13 pm
Moon sets 3.00 am
Moon rises 7.56 pm

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.17	6.3	1.41	6.5
Aberdeen	12.50	3.6	1.05	3.8
Avonmouth	6.39	11.8	7.03	11.9
Belfast	10.36	3.1	11.03	3.1
Cardiff	6.24	10.8	6.48	11.0
Devonport	4.56	4.9	5.24	5.1
Dover	10.45	5.8	11.00	6.0
Falmouth	4.28	4.7	4.54	49
Glasgow	12.17	4.2	12.19	4.1
Harwich	11.27	3.6	11.45	3.5
Holyhead	9.56	4.8	10.17	5.0
Hull	5.54	6.5	6.11	6.5
Ilfracombe	5.24	7.8	5.47	8.0
King's Lynn	8.00	5.6	6.15	5.6
Leith	1.56	4.9	2.23	4.9

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	10.49	8.2	11.07	8.5
Lowestoft	9.20	2.2	9.26	2.2
Margate	11.44	4.3	11.58	4.3
Milford Haven	5.41	5.9	6.04	6.1
Newquay	4.34	5.0	4.56	5.1
Oban	5.05	3.4	5.42	3.2
Penzance	3.59	4.9	4.25	5.2
Portland	6.04	1.8	6.42	1.8
Portsmouth	11.14	4.1	11.26	4.4
Shoreham	10.52	5.3	11.07	5.6
Southampton	10.37	4.0	10.47	4.1
Swansea	5.47	8.3	6.09	8.5
Tees	2.59	4.7	3.19	4.8
W'ton-on-Nze	11.28	3.8	11.41	3.7

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

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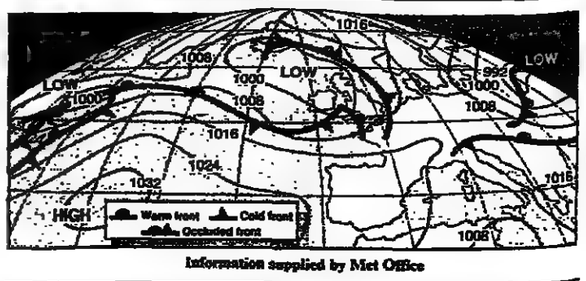

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Rates will fall when safe, says Patten

INTEREST rates will come down "just as soon as it is safe," Mr Chris Patten, the Environment Secretary, told the Building Societies' Conference Dinner last night (Lindsay Cook writes).

He said: "High interest rates in the short-term are painful, but it would be in no one's interest to allow inflation to get out of hand."

Less than 1 per cent of all mortgage holders were having "serious difficulty" in keeping up their mortgage payments and arrears and possessions constituted only a tiny fraction of all mortgages. During the last decade, 3.3 million homeowners had been added to the total and the proportion of households that are owner-occupied has increased by 11 per cent to 68 per cent.

There was still a great demand for homes and Mr Patten said: "We in government must balance the competing demands upon land. How, I repeatedly asked myself, can we build the homes without destroying the places we love?"

De La Rue held back by costs

Exceptional reorganization costs of £12 million and a net extraordinary charge of £57.2 million meant that De La Rue's pre-tax profits recovered only from £27.3 million to £38.5 million in the year to March. However, that disguised a record year for the core banknote printing business. Mr Jeremy Marshall, the chief executive, pointed out pre-tax profits from the continuing businesses were £61 million, giving earnings of 27p per share rather than the 14p reported. The final dividend is being maintained at 10p, making an unchanged 13.25p.

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Allied payout up

Allied Colloids is raising its final dividend from 2p to 2.45p, payable on August 24 and making 3.2p (2.65p), after pre-tax profits of £41.2 million (£36.2 million) for the year ended March.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6840 (+0.0080)
W German mark
2.8468 (+0.0052)
Exchange index
89.2 (+0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1893.9 (+0.5)
FT-SE 100
2380.1 (+1.1)
New York Dow Jones
2933.74 (−1.45)*
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month Interbank 15 3/32-15 1/16%
3-month eligible bills: 14 17/32-14½%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.71-7.69%*
30-year bonds 103⅜-103 7/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6840	£: $1.6837*
£: DM2.8468	$: DM1.6910*
£: SwFr2.4149	$: SwFr1.4345*
£: FFr9.6013	$: FFr5.7020*
£: Yen256.69	$: Yen152.57*
£: Index:89.2	$: Index:67.8
ECU £0.721750	SDR £0.781952
£: ECU1.385521	£: SDR1.278850

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $357.85 pm-$358.10
close $358.50-359.00 (£213.00-213.50)
New York:
Comex $358.50-359.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jul) ..... $15.70 bbl ($16.35)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.325	2.165
Austria Sch	20.85	19.55
Belgium Fr	61.50	57.50
Canada $	2.05	1.94
Denmark Kr	11.35	10.65
Finland Mkk	6.89	6.59
France Fr	10.01	9.41
Germany Dm	2.965	2.785
Greece Dr	285.75	269.75
Hong Kong $	13.72	12.82
Ireland Pt	1.114	1.044
Italy Lira	2185	2055
Japan Yen	271	255
Netherlands Gld	3.32	3.14
Norway Kr	11.44	10.74
Portugal Esc	260.75	245.75
South Africa Rd	5.70	5.10
Spain Pta	183	171
Sweden Kr	10.70	10.10
Switzerland Fr	2.523	2.363
Turkey Lira	4560	4160
USA $	1.76	1.56
Yugoslavia Dnr	23.75	17.75

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 125.1 (April)

★★★★★★

No interim dividend as group's profit falls to £14.4m

Saatchi sells Hay for $80m

By Martin Waller

SAATCHI & Saatchi, once the world's leading advertising agency, has announced the long-awaited sale of its Hay Group management consultancy for $80 million cash.

But the good news was balanced by a half-way attributable loss and a dropped dividend.

The Hay sale, to management backed by CIN Venture Managers, is part of the rescue package being implemented by M Robert Louis-Dreyfus, chief executive, since his appointment in October, in the face of rising debts and falling business, particular at the core UK advertising agency.

Under the terms of the deal, the group is likely to see about $60 million net cash once the final reckoning is made. It will also receive $10 million in the form of a 10-year subordinated note carrying interest at 10 per cent, although Saatchi admits the value of the note is uncertain. It is hoped to raise £80 million in the current financial year from sales in the consultancy division, including Hay.

Pre-tax profits in the six months to March 31 slipped from £20.2 million to £14.4 million, and a massive 72 per cent tax charge — plus the payment of £9.1 million in dividends on the preference shares — meant an attributable loss to ordinary shareholders of £7 million, against a £1.5 million profit last time.

Saatchi had the benefit of £4.7 million on the sale of works from its art collection during the first half, taken above the line along with closure and merger costs of £2.3 million.

Hay, bought for the equivalent of £78 million in 1984 when brothers Maurice and Charles Saatchi were building up their worldwide communications empire, is being sold at about book value.

It will cut borrowings, which reached a £277 million peak in March. In addition, a £211 million convertible issue falls due in 1993.

Given this, said M Louis-Dreyfus, it had been deemed inappropriate to pay a dividend. The final payment is likely to be a nominal one.

Saatchi was hit last month by the departure of seven defectors who set up a rival agency. Saatchi claimed they took no business with them. But M Louis-Dreyfus admitted the US side had lost one of its biggest clients, the American Prudential Corporation, which accounted for $65 million of billings.

A good performance from the US had boosted communications, with trading profit ahead 40 per cent to £31 million. Within this, the British agency, the brothers' original base, had made a loss but was now back in the black.

M Louis-Dreyfus said his plans included a tighter control on working capital, down 13 per cent in the second quarter, a reduction in capital spending, budgeted at £20 million this year and a third of last year's figure, and a reduction in the heavy tax rate. This should come down to 50 per cent by the end of this year.

Saatchi expects the communications businesses at least to match their first half contribution.

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MICHAEL POWELL

Loneliness of command: chief executive Robert Louis-Dreyfus, before announcing Saatchi's attributable loss and passed dividend yesterday

Tomkins in $550m bid for US group

By Michael Tate

TOMKINS, the industrial management group built by Mr Gregory Hutchings, has broken its two-year acquisition drought with a $550 million cash bid for Philips Industries, a Dayton, Ohio-based industrial group.

The acquisition, agreed by the Philips board but needing shareholder approval, will be financed by a rights issue, terms of which have to be be finalized. Analysts calculate that Tomkins shareholders are likely to be offered seven new shares for every 10 held at about 247p a share.

Philips, a building and mechanical products group, employs more than 10,000.

Years of solid growth ended recently when a boardroom split, followed by two failed management buyouts because of the slump in the junk bond market, led to a disintegration in profits.

"Management became distracted," Mr Hutchings said. The upshot is that results for the year to end-March will bear provisions of $59.2 million, of which $42.9 million relate to estimated losses on the planned sale of three businesses, and a further $12 million to the buyout failures.

Philips has been left with a net pre-tax loss of $2.2 million against a $74 million profit in the previous year.

Tomkins' timing looks impeccable. Prices have fallen since the junk debt market dried up, and Philips is being acquired on a 1988-89 price earnings multiple of 11.5.

Tomkins' last deal was the £126 million acquisition of Murray Ohio Manufacturing, almost two years ago.

Mr Hutchings said: "Philips has an outstanding performance history, which faltered in the year to March 31, 1990. Corrective action is already being taken and I am confident that, through the application of Tomkins' proven financial and operational disciplines, the company would return to its former growth record."

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Fall in Great Portland asset value hits shares

By Matthew Bond

PROPERTY shares dropped sharply as Great Portland Estates revealed that its property adviser thinks that the company's properties in London's City and Holborn area have fallen in value by 12 per cent.

The fall contrasts sharply with the 2.75 per cent reduction in City values reported by Land Securities last month. Many analysts said that Great Portland's figure more accurately reflected their impression of the market.

If Great Portland's three developments in the area are included, the fall in value is 17 per cent. Great Portland shares fell by 33p to 241p as the company became the first of the big property companies to report a fall in net asset value.

Great Portland's NAV fell on a fully-diluted basis from 397p in 1989 to 384p at the end of March this year, a fall of 3.3 per cent.

The company's £900 million investment portfolio showed an underlying fall of just under 4 per cent, with 2-3 per cent increases in West End and outer London, together with a 14 per cent increase in provinical property values, mitigating the City fall.

The news hit the share prices of all the other leading property investment companies as analysts revised their NAV forecasts. British Land, where results are due shortly, fell 22p to 338p, Greycoat fell 21p to 416p, Hammerson "A" 11p to 715p, Land Securities 17p to 509p and MEPC 17p to 501p.

Mr Richard Peskin, the Great Portland chairman, believes the revaluation carried out by Hillier Parker May & Rowden realistically reflects what is going on in the City property market. "There is too much supply and not enough demand." But he believes Great Portland is in excellent shape to ride out the current turbulence in the property market.

Although net interest paid increased by 35 per cent to £9.5 million, net rents rose by 36 per cent to £41 million. Pre-tax profits increased by 22 per cent to £36 million, while a 6p final dividend (5p) gives a 20 per cent increase in total dividend.

Great Portland's 50 per cent associate Bride Hall reported profits of £6.1 million. "That is a terrific performance," said Mr Peskin.

Year-end gearing was 21 per cent, and has been subsequently reduced by the £17.4 million sale of a building on Kingsway.

Given the speed at which investment yields are moving Mr Peskin is reluctant to forecast what will happen to property values.

"I'm unlikely to be spending money on anything much over the next three to six months," he said. "But with its sound gearing, strong balance sheet and solid underlying asset base, Great Portland will be more than capable of weathering any storms which might lie ahead."

£25m firm is halted by Fimbra

By Jon Ashworth

DUNSDALE Securities, a London company of investment consultants with £25 million on its books, has been ordered to stop trading immediately after the disappearance of its sole director.

Fimbra, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers, and Brokers Regulatory Association, last night issued a Rule 17 order requiring it to cease investment business immediately. It said the action had been taken after calls from several clients, and solicitors acting on their behalf, saying that they had been unable to contact the director, Mr Robert Miller or trace him.

The suspension took effect from 5.30pm, and will last for three days. Investigators are due at the company's offices, in London this morning.

Fimbra said the matter was seen as "serious". It is thought to have acted after clients could not withdraw money.

Dunsdale is believed to have been offering returns of between 20 per cent and 30 per cent on gilts.

Boots and Smith unveil DIY deal

By Gillian Bowditch

BOOTS has merged its DIY business, Payless, with WH Smith's Do It All in a widely expected move. The merger will mean the loss of more than 200 jobs, mostly from the closure of Payless's head office in Sevenoaks, Kent.

The new company, to be called Do It All, will be owned jointly by Boots and WH Smith. It will initially have 230 stores, a small number of which may close, and a market share of about 10 per cent.

The managing director of the new business will be Mr Peter Dobson, of Payless. The chairmanship will rotate every two years between Mr Malcolm Field, group managing director of WH Smith, and Mr Keith Ackroyd, managing director of the Boots retail division, starting with Mr Field. The rest of the management team will be split equally between Boots and Smith.

The joint venture will acquire Payless with £25 million of debt and Do It All debt-free, which effectively means that £25 million of Boots debt will go off the balance sheet.

Boots will receive a cumulative preference share yielding £52 million over the next five years, plus a running yield of 10.5 per cent a year from the joint venture. Smith will receive a cumulative preference share yielding £27 million over five years, plus a running yield of 10.5 per cent a year, but will not receive the running yield for the first two years.

The £50 million extra that Boots receives reflects the higher earnings of Payless over Do It All. There was no set formula for the deal and compromise was reached through negotiation. In the 14 months to March, 1990, Payless, which Boots acquired when it bought Ward White last year, made operating profits of £20 million on sales of £273 million.

Do It All made £10.2 million for the year to June 1989 on sales of £283 million. It has net assets of £78 million compared with Payless's assets of £51 million.

Sir James Blyth, chief executive of Boots, said that the deal was excellent for both parties. "The new business will have the scale, marketing strategy and management expertise to be a truly competitive force in DIY," he said.

Shares in Boots, announcing full-year results tomorrow, fell 5p to 305p. Smith 'A' shares fell 3p to 349p.

Tilbury pay rise attacked

THE annual report and accounts from Tilbury, the construction group that fought off a bid from Lilley last year, reveal that Mr Michael Bottjer, chief executive, had a rise in earnings from £360,000 to £902,000 in the year.

The rise had been expected because of an earnings formula based on earnings per share and returns on assets. In 1985 Mr Bottjer earned £35,000.

Mr Lewis Robertson, chairman of Lilley, which is free to bid again in four months, condemned the increase as "wholly inappropriate."

● Lord King, chairman of British Airways, received a 20 per cent increase in pay and performance-related income last year to £515,818. At BA's annual meeting in July, he defended a 100 per cent rise.

Buyers queue up for property industry's bible

Estates Gazette under the hammer

By Melinda Wittstock

MR PETER Wilson, the publicity-shy publisher who recently tied with Mr David Sullivan, the porn publisher, as the 134th wealthiest person in Britain, may soon move up in the wealth stakes with the sale of *Estates Gazette*, the property magazine he inherited 20 years ago.

The glossy weekly, founded in 1858 and credited with boosting the Wilson family's fortunes to £60 million since they took it over about 100 years ago, is understood to have an asking price of £90 million. Yesterday the magazine revealed that Mr Wilson, its third generation chairman and chief executive, is considering several bid approaches for the private company, which includes a small book publishing operation. "The Wilson family, together with the trustees of trusts which control the complete shareholding of Estates Gazette Ltd, have decided to consider several approaches received in recent months," a terse statement read.

Estates Gazette, long considered the property industry's bible and touted as one of the world's most profitable magazines, is understood to boast profit margins of 54 per cent and reserves totalling £13.3 million. It has no borrowings.

A fully-paid circulation of 33,000 brings its total readership to 120,000. It is distributed throughout Britain, the US, Australia and Western Europe. It recently topped *Media Week*'s list of the top 100 business titles in terms of advertising revenue.

Mr John Clayton, the editor and a board member, would not disclose the magazine's most recent pre-tax profits, but said advertising revenue was holding up well despite the slump in the property market. He refused to reveal the identities of the would-be bidders, but analysts were quick to name CEP Communications, the French publisher which recently acquired Builder Group, publisher of *Estates Gazette*'s rival *Chartered Surveyor Weekly*, for £56 million.

United Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily Express*, *Daily Star* and *Sunday Express* and owner of Morgan Grampian, the business and trade paper company that publishes *Estates Times*, is also tipped as a likely bidder.

Mr Eric de Bellaigue, a publishing analyst with Panmure Gordon, said Reed International, the Dutch publisher VNU and Daily Mail and General Trust, are likely to be interested.

Mr Wilson, who is known for his very "hands-on" management approach in the *Estates Gazette*'s Soho offices, was not available for comment. But Mr Clayton said the decision to sell the magazine after years spent fiercely guarding its independence came as "no surprise."

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Two-year effect of disasters for Sturge

By Neil Bennett

STURGE, Lloyd's largest insurance underwriting agency, has given warning that effects of disasters such as the Piper Alpha oil rig explosion and Hurricane Hugo will hit its profits for the next two years.

The company lifted pre-tax profits in the six months to end-March by 10 per cent to £9.19 million, but forecast its profits for the full year will only match the £31.2 million made in 1989.

The interim dividend is being increased 10 per cent to 5.5p, with the group forecasting a total payout of 16.5p, up a tenth.

Sturge earns most of its profits in the second half from commission from its 28 syndicates and the 2,500 Lloyd's names, or investors, it manages. This commission is collected three years in arrears.

Mr David Coleridge, the chairman, said it was generally recognized Lloyd's overall results for the 1988 and 1989 year and the group profits were likely to be lower. He said the fall would not hamper the group's development plans.

He added there were signs the insurance market was beginning to recover: "1989 was the bottom of the trough. Margins are just improving and people feel they can talk a little more belligerently."

Profits are not likely to rise this year since some of Sturge's marine syndicates underperformed, and some of profit commission rates fell from 20 to 17.5 per cent. Even so, earnings per shares are forecast to rise above 37p, compared to 36.6p in 1989. This is despite last year's figures benefiting from Lloyd's record 1986 underwriting year.

Monarch in the black at $41,000

MONARCH Resources is poised for the development of one of its more promising ventures later this year.

Monarch has net cash approaching $10 million and is developing gold mining properties in Venezuela.

Lord Shackleton, the chairman, reported an attributable profit of $41,000 for the year ended December compared with a previous $1.13 million loss. Interest received, at $1.86 million, more than offset the 1989 operating loss of $1.41 million.

The company is to buy out the minority stake in the La Camorra and Canaima ventures for a basic $5.5 million, and said the La Camorra mine project — now at the prefeasibility stage — has encouraging potential.

The group's cash flow should be assisted by a higher grade feed to its Revemin plant from other deposits. Further joint ventures are planned and there has been another increase in the group's concession areas.

Recent changes in Venezuela's investment regulations will lead to smoother profits and dividend remittance, the company added.

The shares traded at 510p.

Manpower to sell US firms

MANPOWER, the employment agency, has agreed the $50 million-plus sale of six US temporary employment businesses to Career Horizons, a leveraged buyout consortium, in a move which continues the dismemberment of the Blue Arrow empire built up by Mr Tony Berry, the former chairman.

The sale completes Manpower's US disposal programme, but British businesses not trading under the Manpower name will still go, with negotations continuing. Career, which is led by Harvest Ventures, a New York merchant bank, is paying $44.9 million in cash and taking $6 million in 8 per cent cumulative preferred stock.

The subsidiaries being sold contributed about 3 per cent of total operating profits in the latest financial year and had a book value of $30.8 million. It is thought managements of at least some of the businesses had considered their own buyout plans but failed to reach Manpower's asking price.

Half the shareholdings in water sold since flotation

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

ABOUT half the shareholdings in water companies bought by investors at last December's privatization have already been sold.

North West Water, the first to report results for the year to end March, revealed that its shareholder list had shrunk from an original 245,000 to below 120,000.

Some other privatized water groups especially favoured by speculators have seen their number of shareholders fall even faster as customers and speculators cashed in early gains, leaving longer term holders to face the political uncertainties posed by Labour's plans for the industry.

Yorkshire Water, which started with 215,000 shareholders, is down to 96,000, reflecting its greater initial popularity. But Wessex Water, also strongly favoured, has kept 90,000 of its original 180,000 shareholders, with 65,000 customers staying loyal.

Results: North West's Dennis Grove and Bob Thian

Severn Trent, whose share offer was less oversubscribed than others, has kept 180,000 of its original 300,000 shareholders. Customers have been relatively loyal and account for three quarters of holdings.

Mr Bob Thian, chief executive of North West, said selling had been continuous, though it wasn't concentrated in the first few weeks. North West comfortably beat its prospectus profit forecast with pre-tax profits of £75.3 million (against a forecast of not less than £70 million). Pro forma profits, which give a better guide by allowing for the Government's cash injection and debt write-off, were £177.3 million against a minimum forecast of £172 million.

Earnings per share were 44.6p against the forecast 43.1p. As expected, the part dividend for the year is 10.47p per share, equivalent to 15.7p for a full year.

Mr Dennis Grove, chairman, said North West aimed to be a high quality company and expected to meet its regulatory targets and complete its investment prgramme — £4.3 billion over 10 years — on target. He said North West expected to avoid water shortages this summer.

Mr Thian said that so far, North West had been able to keep cost inflation on its capital programme below what it had budgeted for.

Profits were struck after exceptional items of £18 million, including North West's £3 million share of the pre-privatization awareness campaign and £11 million for restructuring of the core business. Privatization costs of £6.7 million were treated as an extraordinary item.

Jacklin on the Leading board

PETER SHIRLEY

FORMER Ryder Cup-winning captain Tony Jacklin has joined the board of Leading Leisure, the leisure hotels group, specializing in golf and tennis facilities.

Mr Jacklin, pictured with Mr Barry Malizia, Leading Leisure's chairman and chief executive, will act exclusively for the group in the management and promotion of its golfing interests.

Development of a championship standard course and hotel began at Winchester, Hampshire, last autumn, and work will start soon on another at Carnoustie, Tayside. There are also plans for courses at the Seiont Manor Hotel in north Wales and at Hoddom Castle, near Annan, Dumfries.

Powell Duffryn to sell coal side

By Philip Pangalos

POWELL Duffryn is negotiating to sell its coal distribution business after three mild winters and falling demand.

The energy and distribution group is also talking about turning its three chemicals storage terminals, in the United States, into joint ventures. The terminals are in Bayonne, Chicago and Savannah. The company says the chemical storage market in the US is suffering from some regional over-capacity.

The market viewed these moves as "a step in the right direction." The shares firmed by 25p to 341p.

Pre-tax profits for the group slipped to £33.6 million in the year to end-March, against £33.9 million last time. Group turnover advanced from £670.8 million to £726.4 million.

The figures were affected by the adverse impact of the warm winter on fuel distribution profits, as well as reduced second half results in the group's shipping and related services, due to the persistent gales and the deteriorating commercial vehicle market. However, a big increase in engineering helped offset this.

Earnings per share fell from 38.6p to 36.8p, although the final dividend is 16p (14.5p), making 22.6p (20.5p).

Distribution and storage saw trading profits climb from £38.1 million to £41.7 million, on turnover up from £670.8 million to £726.4 million.

Engineering profits advanced by 45 per cent to £20 million, on turnover ahead by 11 per cent to £231.9 million. Profits benefited from improved margins after restructuring.

Construction and materials saw profits fall from £4.07 million to £3.28 million, on turnover up from £23.9 million to £24.6 million, affected by the downturn in the housing market.

There was an overall extraordinary profit of £5.45 million, mainly from the sale of land and businesses. However, there was a £3.65 million provision for the settlement of environmental damage claim.

Interest payments jumped from £4.89 million to £8.06 million. Gearing stood at 40 per cent at the year-end, after a property revaluation surplus of £21 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Heavier interest trims profits at Marshalls

MARSHALLS PLC managed a 19 per cent increase in operating profits to £30.6 million in the year to March 31 on sales also 19 per cent up at £181 million despite a slowdown in its brick business in the second half. But interest charges trebled to £2.89 million, leaving pre-tax profits just 11 per cent ahead at £27.7 million. Fully-diluted earnings per share are only 5 per cent up at 14.2p. The final dividend is, none the less, being raised by 0.5p to 3.75p, leaving the total 14 per cent greater at 5p.

Mr David Marshall, the chairman, said: "Competitive pressure has borne down on margins, bricks having a torrid time in the second half with lower sales and profit compared with last year." The shares eased by 5p to 124p on the news.

Dunton gives warning

THE recession in property and housebuilding claimed another victim with a warning from Dunton Group that there would be no profits reported for the financial year to end-May. The shares slipped 2½p to 19½p, little more than half their value last summer, valuing the USM-quoted group at £4 million. Dunton made a £1.11 million pre-tax profit last year.

£700m tape merger plan

BASF and Agfa-Gevaert, the West German chemical conglomerates, have agreed to sign a letter of intent for a DM2 billion (£700 million) merger of their audio and video-tape divisions. The groups are two of Europe's main producers of tapes, but face strong Japanese competition. BASF said operating figures were "not satisfactory." The deal needs Federal Cartel Office approval.

Hall profits warning

THE shares in Hall Engineering fell by 25p to 130p after a profits warning. The company said profits for the first half of 1990 will be "significantly below the first half of last year," although the interim dividend should be at least maintained. British Reinforced Concrete Engineering, Hall's subsidiary, has embarked on a rationalization programme. About 100 employees will be made redundant.

Total costs of the programme are expected to be about £750,000, although the rationalization will yield annual savings of £1 million.

ACT ahead 33% at £8m

ACT, which sold its Apricot Computer business to Mitsubishi Electric for £39 million in April, has reported 33 per cent increases in sales and profits, to £141 million and £8 million before tax respectively, for the year to March. Earnings per share rose 14 per cent to 7.07p and the final dividend is to increase by 0.25p to 1.5p, leaving the total 13 per cent higher at 2.25p.

Liquidity improves

COMPANY liquidity improved slightly for the second successive quarter in the first three months of 1990, mainly thanks to a recovery among non-manufacturing companies whose position had worsened sharply after the credit squeeze last year. But the net short-term indebtedness of manufacturing companies turned up again after dropping slightly in the last quarter of 1989.

N Brown doubles

N BROWN Investments, the Manchester mail order company run by Sir David Alliance, has recovered sharply from the effects of the 1988 postal strike. Pre-tax profits more than doubled from £6.11 million to £12.5 million in the year to March 3, on sales 18 per cent up at £127 million.

Operating profits from the core mail order division, at £17.2 million, were up 30 per cent higher, but were offset by a fall in the financial and property services side. Earnings per share recovered by 96 per cent to 14p. The final dividend, up by 0.175p to 3.675p, leaves the total 5 per cent ahead at 5.25p.

Mark-swap rules bar speculators

By Wolfgang Münchau

THE West German Bundesbank has set out the terms under which East German Ostmarks can be converted into Deutschmarks after currency union between East and West Germany on July 1.

The rules have been designed to prevent foreign speculators moving funds into Ostmarks in the hope of gaining from a favourable exchange rate.

Non-residents with East German bank accounts can exchange sums at a two-to-one rate only if these were held at December 31 last year. Otherwise, foreign holdings will be exchanged at a three-to-one rate. This has been reflected in the black market rate during recent months.

All transactions have to be based on existing bank accounts. It will not be possible to exchange cash, except for tourists, who, until July 6, will be able to change Ostmarks if they have an official receipt.

Ostmark banknotes will cease to be official tender on July 1. East Germans will then have until July 6 to change savings into Deutschmarks. Adults will be able to convert OM4,000 of their holdings into Deutschmarks at one for one. The ceiling for pensioners is OM6,000, and for children OM2,000. The remainder is for exchange at two for one.

Receivers called in by Coleby Group

By Our Industrial Editor

COLEBY Group, the East Midlands housebuilder, has called in receivers because of an escalating debt burden. It specialized through its Sealhome subsidiary in tailor-made executive-style houses throughout Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

The receivers, Mr Lindsay Denney and Mr John Wilson of Spicer & Oppenheim and Partners, are hopeful of selling off a division of Coleby which is involved in roadbuilding.

Buyers are being sought for incomplete Coleby housebuilding developments in Grantham, Newark, Lincoln, Bourne and Woodhall Spa.

Mr Denney said Coleby was suffering like others in construction in the South-east. There were high interest burdens on land bought at top prices during the earlier boom times while a dearth of house buyers had supervened.

"Although Sealhome is a more upmarket builder the problems at the lower end feed through to the better quality sites and the East Midlands is no exception," he said.

Spicer & Oppenheim has another builder in receivership, Federated Housing, based in Surrey, which specialized in properties for the first time buyer.

Auditors' merger defeated

By Our Financial Editor

THE Institute of Chartered Accountants has narrowly failed to secure the two thirds majority needed to approve its planned merger with the public sector accountants of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (Cipfa).

But its members passed by a 70 per cent majority the proposals, essential to the merger, which will allow chartered accountants to be trained outside professional practice (TOPP) for the first time.

Cipfa members had approved the merger proposals by an 81 to 19 per cent majority in a 52 per cent vote.

The narrowness of the ICA vote, in which 61 per cent of the 36 per cent voting approved the merger, is likely to encourage both sides to pursue the proposals and take another merger vote.

The ICA had mounted a strong campaign for the Cipfa proposals which it regarded as vital to increasing the influence of the British accountancy profession within the European Community.

Mr Mike Lickiss, deputy president of the ICA, said he was mainly disappointed at the low turnout of votes. He said he did not regard the vote as a failure because the TOPP scheme was a major step forward and there had been a good majority in favour of the merger. He will put several options to the ICA council in the next few days and said that having another vote was a strong option.

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Food scares fail to dent Argyll's rise to £243m

By Gillian Bowditch

MR ALISTAIR Grant, chairman of the Safeway supermarket group, Argyll, has said food retailers will have to live with the prospect of recurring food scares — but he added that so far they had failed to dent the buoyant growth of his company.

"People get very worried about food but are prepared to stuff themselves full of toxins like alcohol and cigarettes," he said. "I've seen pregnant women smoking and asking me whether it was safe to eat certain foods."

Pre-tax profits at Argyll rose 17 per cent to £243.6 million before an exceptional charge of £16.1 million for the cost of completing its expansion and conversion programme. Sales rose 12 per cent to £4.14 billion and earnings per share 25 per cent to 17.2p. The final dividend is 4.8p, making a total of 7.25p, a rise of 17 per cent.

The group received interest income of £19 million and made property profits of £3.2 million. There was an extraordinary item of £4.1 million paid by Guinness after a Takeover Panel ruling. Argyll is waiting until the end of the Guinness trial before taking further action and is expected to sue the drinks group for up to £750 million.

The Presto conversion programme of the past three years will finish this summer. The total cost will be £89.4 million and 220 small stores will retain the Presto name.

Some financial benefits are coming through from the group's links with other European retailers in terms of shared costs, and while not yet significant, Mr Grant says the European link is strategically important and should benefit the group in the future.

Mr Grant said the current financial year has started well and the board is confident of another year of good margin and profit growth. Argyll shares fell 5p to 229p.

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NICK GOLLFINGER

Living with scares: Alistair Grant at the Safeway store, Kensington, west London

Oriflame to focus on openings in the East

By Our City Staff

ORIFLAME International, the Swedish cosmetics group, has revealed plans for greater involvement in Eastern Europe, focusing on cosmetics and other consumer-related opportunities.

Mr Jonas af Jochnick, chairman, said that Oriflame was forming a new company, Oriflame Eastern Europe, to "focus on the emerging commercial opportunities."

Oriflame has about £20 million net cash, and it is understood that about £2 million of it will be invested, with initial plans for operations in Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Mr Jochnick will become executive chairman and chief executive of Oriflame Eastern Europe, and Oriflame's shareholders will be invited to subscribe for new shares in this company on a *pro rata* basis.

Oriflame also reported pre-tax profits of £10.5 million in the year to end-March, excluding "unusual items", against £9.78 million last time.

An unusual debit of £893,000, mainly relating to relocation costs, compared with a credit of £3.43 million previously. Earnings per share fell from 24p to 17.2p, but, excluding unusual items, rose by 10 per cent to 19p. The final dividend rises to 8p (6.5p), making 12p (10p) for the year, up 20 per cent.

Sales slipped from £66.3 million to £54.3 million, although after adjusting for discontinued business they rose by 16 per cent. Sales growth was helped by the strength of the group's direct marketing technique, whereby trained independent consultants sell to consumers using brochures and in-home demonstrations.

Mr Jochnick said that the company had about 13,000 consultants in the UK, with this number growing, and more than 1 million customers. The average spend was "about £8 or £9, and rising."

Oriflame had opened up in Chile and Malaysia, and test marketing of Vevay, its mail order brand, which accounts for about 20 per cent of production, had been expanded in Britain and France.

Mr Jochnick said: "We have many markets at different stages of development that will create the opportunity for stability, as well as for growth. In addition, we have a strong financial position to support and back our activities."

New Governor for Bank of Scotland

Pattullo: early decision

By Our Banking Correspondent

THE Bank of Scotland has announced that Mr Bruce Pattullo, its chief executive, will be appointed as Governor when Sir Thomas Risk retires at next summer's annual meeting. Mr Pattullo, aged 52, will hold the post while keeping his job as chief executive. At the same time, the bank is proposing two non-executive deputy governors, Mr Thomas Hutchinson and Professor Jack Shaw. Both are non-executive directors.

Sir Thomas said the bank had made the announcement early to prevent any confusion about the succession. "We thought it was best to tell people when he had made up our minds. We have now got a year to organize things."

Sir Thomas had originally intended to retire in 1988 when he was 65, but the board asked him to stay on for a further three years. Apart from his flamboyant leadership of the Bank, Sir Thomas will be remembered for the row with Guinness over its refusal to make him chairman. In 1986, the drinks group reneged on an agreement to appoint him following its acquisition of Distillers, calling the idea "misconceived." Instead, it made Mr Ernest Saunders chairman and chief executive.

Sir Thomas was a partner in Maclay Murray & Spens, the Scottish solicitor, from 1951 until his appointment to the Bank of Scotland. Last year, his salary rose 20 per cent to £120,000 a year, excluding his pension, less than two of the bank's employees.

During his time at the bank, its pre-tax profits have increased from £45 million to £194 million, despite the recession in the early 1980s, and more recently, provisions against Third World debts. Since 1981, the dividend has risen each year — from 1.2p to 4.6p a share.

Mr Pattullo has spent his career at the Bank of Scotland. In the 1970s, he was chief executive of the British Linen Bank, the City merchant bank, before becoming the group's treasurer and general manager. He became chief executive in 1988. Sir Thomas said: "Unlike me, he is a professional banker, and I think it is useful to have that at the head of a bank nowadays."

Mr Hutchinson is a director of ICI, with responsibility for its plastics and petrochemicals businesses. Professor Shaw is due to retire as the executive director of Scottish Financial Enterprise.

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Royal event for Commercial Union

Later this week, or maybe next, Commercial Union will announce it has bought Royal Trust Asset Management, a further extension of the fund management operations it is building around the bones of the private client operations of Quilter Goodison, which were bought from Paribas in 1988. The announcement will follow hard on the heels of the launch at the start of the month of its pan-European unit trust collection, based in Luxembourg.

The Royal Trust purchase may not be enormous in terms of Commercial Union's assets and market value, but if it acquires all the constituent parts it will pick up some £650million of additional funds under management. The Royal Trust operation has some £200 million of unit trusts, £300 million of private clients and pension funds and £150 million out of Luxembourg where, like CU, it is operating an umbrella fund.

It is the unit trust portfolio of Royal Trust which particularly interests CU, and it is by no means certain that all the constituent parts of the business will find their way into the hands of the new owners.

But even if, at the end of the negotiations, CU does acquire all the Royal Trust Asset management activities, its ambitions are unlikely to stop there. As much as forty per cent of private client stockbroking in Britain is up for sale, and a chunk of institutional broking too. CU is unlikely to be first in the queue to buy Stock Group, the regional stockbroking operations of the flattened British & Commonwealth, but there are others on offer and CU cannot be expected to sit on its hands for long.

The decision by the Royal Trust to withdraw from the asset management business it has been carefully assembling since it acquired the Arbuthnot Latham unit trust business in 1987 seems curious, and comes hard on the heels of the move by its fellow countryman Royal Bank of Canada to close Kitcat & Aitken's London brokerage operations. Do the Canadians know something we don't, or do they not know why they ever thought it a good idea in the first place?

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

Saatchi

Timing is everything, and it was the ability of the brothers Saatchi to slip the long-awaited sale of the Hay Group consultancy business under the wire only minutes ahead of announcing their group's interim results, rather than any intrinsic merit in the figures, which prompted a 6p rise to 107p in the share price. Further delay in the disposal, after all the premature publicity, would have left Saatchi severely embarrassed. As it was, the relief was tempered with some disappointment with the $60-odd million net cash which the sale of the group's biggest consultancy business will raise.

The interims themselves were little to take out a double-page advertisment about, despite the boost from fine art disposals. The dropped dividend was the only decent course of action, and the final payment is likely to be a nominal one.

Cash outflows this year will be about £40 million, a little lower than had been signalled at the time of the annual meeting in March, and with the group currently cash-positive the chief executive, M Robert Louis-Dreyfus, thinks he can ride out the difficult next two years without further widespread dismemberment of the brothers' empire.

Others seem less convinced — the continuing high yield on the Euroconvertibles, apparently assuming complete collapse, make them an attractive option for those who will insist on a gamble. The ordinaries still have little going for them.

No true view

Rejection by the Scottish accountants last year seems to have induced merger fatigue among English and Welsh accountants. Despite a vigorous campaign, fewer voted this time, causing another embarrassment for the Institute's leadership. This shows an odd sense of priorities for such supposedly rational folk since training outside professional practice and the merger with Cipfa were far more vital to the future of the profession than a takeover scheme doomed by trampling on national feelings North of the border.

The case for the Cipfa merger is strong. It would have created a body that could argue with authority in Brussels for international accounting standards to be adopted in the European Community rather than the legalistic and somewhat opaque practices used in most leading countries on the continent, where public sector industry is a bigger part of the mix.

Given that the Cipfa merger was backed by a majority, that there was little organized opposition and that the issue is simpler now that training outside accounting firms has been approved, it must be tempting for the ICA council to seek a quick reversal of the vote.

Lack of controversy might have induced apathy. The logic would be for those against to accept the will of the majority. The danger of further egg on the face is that those against would be offended, while further voter fatigue set in among the majority.

US deal puts an end to Tomkins' two-year fast

THE collapse of the junk bond market has left US businesses looking decidedly overpriced. Mr Gregory Hutchings, of Tomkins, has spent too long in the Hanson school of enterprise to pass up that kind of opportunity for long.

Almost two years have passed since Tomkins last made an acquisition of any note, comforting evidence that it was not prepared to do a deal for a deal's sake.

Now, said Mr Hutchings, we have "a window of opportunity." He has reached through to pull off the classic Tomkins deal.

It is hard to find fault either with the deal, or with the strategy. Never has Tomkins attempted so big a mouthful, but never has it had such a huge appetite. Its two-year fast has left it lean, hungry, and financially nimble enough to pounce the moment Philips Industries appeared in the shop window.

Like Hanson, where Mr Hutchings spent his formative years, Tomkins prefers low-tech, strong-branded manufacturing businesses in stable markets. Unlike his mentor, Mr Hutchings has not gone in for break-up bids. He said: "We are industrial managers. We like running companies."

He does not mind the parallels being drawn with Hanson. "If we can report 25 years of uninterrupted growth after 25 years in business, that will suit me," he said. So far, it is six out of six, and nobody is betting that either the year just ended or the one now under way will show anything but hefty increases.

In 1983, Mr Hutchings, then aged 36, took the wheel at FH Tomkins, the Walsall nuts and bolts manufacturer, when it was making taxable profits of less than £500,000 a year. His first deal, was the £2.2 million acquisition of Ferraris Piston Service, a motor parts distributor, and he went on to mop up a string of Midlands metal-bashers, culminating in a £200 million bid for Pegler-Hattersley in 1986.

The following year, Tomkins turned its attention overseas, swooping for Smith & Wesson, the gun manufacturer. Another 12 months later, it paid £126 million for Murray Ohio Manufacturing, a collection of lawnmower and cycle businesses. Philips will lift the US contribution to Tomkins profits to 66 per cent, against the company's ideal balance of 40-40 British and US, with 20 per cent from the rest of the world. "But we have to take the opportunities when and where they arise," Mr Hutchings explained.

DES JENKIN

Far horizons: Hutchings contemplates the US deal

Philips is a company right out of the Tomkins acquisition handbook. Based in Dayton, Ohio, and employing 10,300, it operates a range of five businesses, from grills and louvres for air conditioning systems to conveyor belting, which are sold virtually throughout the US.

Succession problems have seriously weakened a management that up to 1989 boasted sound profit growth. The company is now available at a price that offers no threat to Tomkins' earnings per share.

Philips founder and president Mr Jesse Philips, now 75, decided more than 12 months ago that he wanted to cash up his remaining 6 per cent of the equity. Merrill Lynch put together a leveraged buyout plan for the management.

But by last autumn the market was unloading junk bonds, and Merrill could find no takers, either at $25.50 or $24. A few more months of uncertainty, with no sign of a backer, management's eye well and truly off the ball, and a slump into the red, and Tomkins was ready.

Its $18.50 a share offer is being jumped on by management, which no longer has the option of buying the business itself.

New chief executive Mr Joe Deering recognizes the need for restructuring, and for ending the uncertainty over Philips' future. Operating profits of $57 million for the year ended last March have been swallowed up by provisions for losses on the sale of three of the group's 22 companies and the $12 million fees charged by Merrill Lynch.

The disposals will go ahead even if Tomkins wins. Mr Hutchings said: "Things will be tough for a year or two, with 22 per cent of Philips' output finding a natural home in the residential market, but Philips will be in a strong position for the upturn when it comes." He should have no difficulty in finding savings at a company where corporate expenses, including the company jet, accounted for 22 per cent of 1989 profits.

At 14.7 times the depressed 1990 earnings, Tomkins is paying a shade under the Standard & Poor's average, while the figure drops to 11.5 when based on the 1989 pre-tax profit of $74 million. The money for the deal will come from shareholders, who will bear exactly how much if and when Philips shareholders vote in favour of the bid, and underwriting can begin.

Rights issues are nothing new to a Tomkins investor, but the threat of one in two weeks is a novel idea for the market. It will save underwriting expenses if the deal fails to go through, of course, while Tomkins will avoid the embarrassment of sitting on a cash pile with nothing on which to spend it.

Meanwhile, Mr Hutchings once again underlines his abhorrence of high gearing levels. Tomkins has next to no borrowings, although it will take on about $100 million of Philips debt.

Mr Geoff Allum, County NatWest analyst, said: "It's a classic Tomkins deal." He expects holders to be offered seven shares for 10 at about 247p apiece. Unless the market falls heavily out of bed, Mr Hutchings should have little difficulty in getting it away.

Michael Tate

TEMPUS

Safeway forward for Argyll

ARGYLL'S results fell on stony ground. The shares were overshadowed by the possibility of an Office of Fair Trading investigation into food retailers coupled with the fact that sector sentiment is turning after a good run in the last quarter.

But the company was congratulating itself for completing its Safeway 1990s programme on time and under budget and for boosting Safeway's operating profits by 50 per cent to £159 million in the last year.

Group pre-tax profits rose 17 per cent to £243.6 million before an exceptional charge of £16.1 million for the cost of completing its expansion and conversion programme. After the exceptional item pre-tax profits rose 27 per cent to £227 million. Sales rose 12 per cent to £4.14 billion and earnings per share rose 25 per cent to 17.2p. The final dividend is 4.8p making a total of 7.25p, an increase of 17 per cent.

Results were as expected and the group now faces the task of squeezing extra margin and sales per square foot from a stable business and improving the own-brand offering.

Like-for-like sales growth of ½ per cent after inflation is on the disappointing side but Argyll's chairman, Mr Alistair Grant, believes this will improve as the group turns its attentions away from the rapid expansion programme towards refurbishing the older Safeway stores.

Store openings totalled 23, taking the number of Safeway outlets to 291 with 18 new stores planned this year. Presto will have 220 small stores in Scotland and the north of England by the end of this year with sales of about £500 million. Lo-Cost, the group's other business, has 320 stores in the south.

Eventually Argyll will have to make an acquisition as the food retailing sector in Britain heads towards maturity. A US or European food retailer would be the obvious choice but a British group such as Asda would also be a possibility.

The shares, down 5p at 229p, are on a prospective p/e ratio of 11.2 assuming pre-tax profits of £280 million for the current year. With the prospect of lower interest rates on the horizon the food retailing sector as a whole looks set to drop out of favour but Argyll looks one of the cheaper stocks in the sector and should at least be held.

De La Rue

DE LA RUE printed its first banknote in 1860 and has since spent its time trying to reduce its dependence on the folding stuff. After the war it built up Potterton central heating boilers and Formica with the cash spun off from banknote printing. Then, having fought off a bid from Rank, it sloughed off these diversifications in the seventies.

Instead, it moved into electronic printing equipment with the purchase of Crosfield Electronics in 1974 and Printrak, from Rockwell, in 1982. But these turned out to need more coddling than De La Rue was able to give them and it sold Crosfield to Du Pont and Fuji last July. Now it has announced the gift of Printrak to its management and several smaller disposals and closures. These resulted in exceptional costs of £11.9 million and a below-the-line extraordinary loss of £57 million, despite an extraordinary gain of £31 million from the sale of Crosfield.

The 22p rise in the shares to 274p on the news may seem perverse, especially as the £38.5 million profits reported for the year to March fell into the £35 million to £40 million range expected by analysts. However, the underlying performance of the banknote business was firm and, ignoring the £10.7 million losses from Printrak and the reorganization costs, pre-tax profits from the continuing businesses were a record £61 million.

On that basis, earnings were nearer 27p than the 14p reported and analysts expect profits of £67 million and earnings of 30p this time. A prospective p/e ratio of 9 is not excessive, even if Mr Robert Maxwell does not use his 22 per cent stake to launch a bid. But will the new chief executive, Mr Jeremy Marshall, prove any more adept at picking the right diversifications for De La Rue than generations of his predecessors?

Allied Colloids

YEAR-END results from Allied Colloids have left the market divided.

Volume growth of 15 per cent and pre-tax profits up from £36.2 million to £41.3 million were superficially good. However, margins slipped from 19.2 per cent to 17.9 per cent, and the group benefited from a £6 million currency gain which suggests the business merely marked time in the year ended March 31.

The group would prefer the market to concentrate on growth in net earnings per share, and with those up from 8.92p to 10.23p, which allows the final dividend to rise from 2p to 2.45p, making 3.2p (2.65p), the balance of opinion finally lands in Allied Colloids' favour.

The year did see its ups and downs with a £300,000 bad debt provision, arising out of Cuba, being charged, compounded by £400,000 of start-up costs associated with the introduction of a more sophisticated production and distribution system.

But most of the extraordinary charges should prove to be non-recurring, and in a competitive world, the group is at least holding its market position.

Including yesterday's 5p fall to 152p after the results, the shares over the past month have lagged the market by 7 per cent. Over the past year, they are 3 per cent behind.

The group's specialized chemicals markets could be tougher with the German and French competition beating a path to North American customers, though the group's additional investment should allow it to keep in front.

This year's pre-tax profits should move forward to the £48 million region to give a prospective price earnings ratio of 12.9. The yield is a meagre 2.8 per cent.

While the premium rating has some justification, there is no need to rush for the shares as long as results are no better than the market expects.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Clever Trevor walks out

TREVOR Robinson has walked out as head of derivatives at CSFB, the securities trading arm of Credit Suisse, six months after he joined the firm from Scottish Provident to establish an OTC options team. Robinson, aged 37, known as "Dome" because of his lack of hair, left last Thursday after hearing that a complete team from Bankers Trust, led by Allan Wheat, had been brought in under his nose to do exactly the same thing. Pondering his next move, Robinson told me, from his home in Kent yesterday, that he decided to leave after the Bankers Trust team — hitherto his rivals — wrote to clients saying it was almost ready to begin trading. "I've nothing against the Bankers Trust team, but I object to the way it was done," says Robinson, who also has to suffer the nickname "Clever Trevor." Robinson, during his spell with CSFB, recruited Andrew Tarling, from Kleinwort Benson where he was head of convertible trading, and Hamish Bullough, head of convertible sales at County NatWest. No comment has been forthcoming from Hans-Joerg Rudloff, the CSFB chairman, who commutes weekly to London from his home near Geneva.

Hector's House

HECTOR'S House took on a new meaning yesterday for about 60 of the most senior managers from United Biscuits. In the morning they were invited to lavish Brocket Hall — the Welwyn, Hertfordshire, home-cum-conference centre of Lord and Lady Brocket — for a secret "team talk" by UB's new chairman Bob Clarke. The managers, who had been flown in from all four corners of the globe, were then transferred to the Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, country mansion owned by Sir Hector Laing, former UB chairman, who became life president a month ago. In sharp contrast to the quaint cottage inhabited by a dog in the children's programme of the same name, Sir Hector had even erected a marquee in the grounds, to shield his workers from the rain.

WHEN asked what it felt like to be chairman of Smith New Court, Michael Richardson said: "Lonely . . . whenever I say good morning to people in the corridor they pin themselves to the wall as if I was going to attack them."

"Hope they can make it stick."

Granville's gain

GRANVILLE & Co, the private investment banking group which began life after a management buyout from OTC trader MJH Nightingale, has recruited a one-time Kleinwort Benson man to run its burgeoning corporate finance division. Charles Arnold, aged 46, and fluent in four languages, spent 12 years with KB, becoming its youngest main board director. But to take up the job at Granville he has resigned from his subsequent position as group finance director at Unitech, the diversified trading company. "It's a position we have been looking to fill for some time" says Granville spokesman Paul Dawson — known for his passion for Gregorian chant — who explains that the firm took its name from its managing director, Robin Hodgson. "It's his middle name," Dawson says.

Drag performance

STOCKBROKERS struggling to find new ways of keeping clients entertained, while stock market volumes are so low, could take a tip or two from County NatWest Wood-Mac which has found a novel solution to the problem. The firm recently challenged an all-woman team of fund managers to five-a-side football — an idea dreamed up by stores salesman Mark Chewter — and to make them feel at home, the County team trooped on to the pitch, at the Fulham football ground, dressed in drag. By cruel coincidence, however, the male team included Sandy Morris, County's 6ft 3in investment analyst, who on a recent analysts' trip to the US, hosted by cable and construction group BICC, suffered the indignity of being called "Miss Sandy Morris" on all badges and literature. Morris, who is now away on holiday recovering from the experience, was heard to mutter that, if he had known, he would have packed a dress. Someone, clearly, has finally taken him at his word.

Carr bounces back

FRED Carr — real name Francis but known as Fred ever since a chum at Eton declared that, unshaven, he looked like Fred Flintstone — is back. Carr, aged 45, effectively left the Square Mile six months ago after he resigned as the marketing director at Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management, having previously been a partner of the broking firm Capel-Cure Myers. He has this week become the director responsible for new business development at WI Carr Investments, the private client division of the firm. WI Carr is majority-owned by the French bank Banque Indosuez — "I've always had rather a soft spot for the French, that soft spot probably being somewhere near my stomach," quips Carr — but he is not, he says, related to the WI Carr family. "My grandfather, Lancelot Carr, was senior partner of Smith Rice & Hill, which eventually became part of Capel-Cure Myers," he explains. "But as far as I know he was not related to to William Isaac Carr, who founded this firm." During his absence his stated intention — in this column — to write a thriller failed to come to fruition. But Carr has written a children's book, based on a story he tells Polly, his five-year-old daughter, for which he is now seeking both an illustrator and publisher.

Carol Leonard

POWELL DUFFRYN

Results 1989/1990

- Maintained profits
- 10% increase in dividends

	1989-90	1988-89
Profit before tax	£33.6m	£33.9m
Earnings per share	36.8p	38.6p
Dividends per share	22.6p	20.5p

For the future

- Strong Engineering order books
- Planned sale of Coal Distribution activities
- Proposed joint venture of US Chemical Storage Terminals
- Reduced dependence on winter related fuels
- Confidence in long-term performance

The Annual Report will be sent to shareholders on or about 25th June 1990. Copies will be available on application to the Secretary.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Eurotherm	Electricals	
2	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
3	Wintrust	Banks,Discount	
4	Racal Telecom (aa)	Electricals	
5	Pentos	Drapery,Stores	
6	Capital Radio	Leisure	
7	Tiphook	Transport	
8	Bibby (J)	Industrials A-D	
9	Macro 4	Electricals	
10	Higgs & Hill	Building,Roads	
11	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	Building,Roads	
12	Anglo Gp	Banks,Discount	
13	TSB (aa)	Banks,Discount	
14	Lucas (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
15	Hepworth	Industrials E-K	
16	Blagden	Chemicals,Plas	
17	Barrett (H)	Industrials A-D	
18	Mitel	Electricals	
19	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
20	Parkfield	Industrials L-R	
21	Watson & Philip	Foods	
22	Power Corp	Property	
23	Bennett & Fountain	Electricals	
24	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
25	Microfilm Repro	Electricals	
26	Grand Met (aa)	Breweries	
27	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
28	First Leisure	Leisure	
29	Smith Beech (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
30	Portsmouth Sund	Newspapers,Pub	
31	Eleco	Industrials E-K	
32	Ferguson Ind	Paper,Print,Adv	
33	Harland Simon	Electricals	
34	Exp Comp Louisiana	Oil,Gas	
35	Securicor	Industrials S-Z	
36	Adwest	Industrials A-D	
37	Close Bros	Banks,Discount	
38	Beazer PLC (aa)	Building,Roads	
39	Ash & Lacy	Industrials A-D	
40	Havelock Europa	Industrials E-K	
41	Star Comp	Industrials S-Z	
42	AB Food (aa)	Foods	
43	Rexmore	Industrials L-R	
44	Dalgety (aa)	Foods	
	© Times Newspapers Ltd.	Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £6,000 will be added to today's prize money.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Moderate profit-taking

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 29. Dealings end June 8. §Contango day June 11. Settlement day June 18. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 35).

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BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
297	173	Abbey National (aa)	204	205	-½	10.3	5.0	11.1
355	173	Anglo Gp	190	205	+5	4.4	2.2	7.8
345	334½	Bank Leumi UK	355	355	–	20.0	5.6	6.7
333	310	Brown Shipley	320	329	+4	16.0	4.9	10.0
250	200	Close Bros	223	230	+4	9.5	4.2	14.7
345	184	First Nat Fin	216	220	-3	17.3	7.9	6.7
326	262	Gerrard Nat	277	289●	-1	25.3	9.0	53.1
379	210	Westpac	224	228	–	–	–	–
420	373	Wintrust	370	388	+7	10.6	2.8	11.9

BREWERIES

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
520	408	Allied-Lyons (aa)	518	522●	+16	22.6	4.3	10.9
650	533	Grand Met (aa)	636	639	+5	24.6	3.9	13.5
486	459	Young 'A'	480	480●	+6	16.3	3.3	18.6

BUILDING, ROADS

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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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DRAPERY, STORES

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
444	382	Alexon	440	446	+4	15.3	3.5	12.7
651	420	Body Shop	445	455	-12	1.9	0.4	42.5

ELECTRICALS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
290	242	AB Elect	250	257	+2	23.3	9.2	6.6
316	243	Br Telecom (aa)	283	286	+1	15.7	5.3	11.8

FINANCE, LAND

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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FOODS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
494	373	AB Food (aa)	403	407	+6	14.7	3.6	9.7
197	162	Watson & Philp	193	200	+7	13.6	6.9	11.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
50	31	City Centre Rest	48	50●	–	1.7	3.5	13.2
347	259	Ladbroke (aa)	315	316●	+½	13.1	4.2	13.2
920	673	Savoy Hotels 'A'	890	900	–	3.3	1.0	31.0
317	235	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	282	284●	-1	10.3	3.6	13.3

INDUSTRIALS A-D

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
180	145	AAF Inv	145	155	–	13.3	8.9	8.6
426	322	AAH	348	351	+1	16.6	4.7	11.6

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INSURANCE

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OVERSEAS TRADERS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
615	485	Antofagasta	805	825●	+5	32.7	3.7	8.5

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TOBACCOS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
853	650	BAT (aa)	852	857 s	–	40.6	6.1	11.4
165	137	PJ Carroll	135	143	–	–	–	–
734	587	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	725	730	-2	16.4	2.5	13.3

TRANSPORT

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
533	259	Assoc Br Ports	272	275 s	-1	8.3	3.0	12.5
248	185	Transport Dev	210	214	–	12.7	6.0	12.1
243	185	Turnbull Scott	185	205	–	11.1	5.7	10.1

WATER

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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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Which Company?

1. Which company has successfully grown its network from 137 to 300 supermarkets in the last three years?

2. Which company has built 1.7 million square feet of new selling space in the last three years?

3. Which company now has a truly nationwide supermarket chain, from Inverness to Penzance?

4. Which company recently put its Chairman and Executive Directors in the firing line at the first major shoppers' conference held by a British supermarket?

5. Which company was first to re-cycle its own (and anyone else's) plastic carrier bags?

6. Which company has one of the largest retail pharmacy operations in the UK?

7. Which company is a major force behind Europe's leading organic farming centre?

8. Which company has built one of the largest and most efficient food distribution centres in Europe?

9. Which company was the first to establish an alliance with leading grocery retailers in Europe?

10. Which company is dedicated to maintaining and improving its superior reputation for customer service and courtesy?

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

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The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 89.2 (day's range 89.0-89.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for June 5

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6780-1.6845	1.6835-1.6845	0.99-0.98pr	2.78-2.76pr
Montrl	1.9725-1.9810	1.9773-1.9810	0.27-0.19pr	0.49-0.37pr
Amstrdm	3.1983-3.2073	3.2037-3.2073	2-1⅛pr	6⅛-5⅛pr
Brussels	58.33-58.72	58.43-58.64	28-25pr	77-72pr
Copnhgn	10.6081-10.6567	10.6274-10.6507	4⅛-3⅞pr	12⅛-11pr
Dublin	1.0588-1.0633	1.0623-1.0633	42-37pr	114-104pr
Frankft	2.8392-2.8483	2.8451-2.8486	1⅝-1⅛pr	4⅛-4⅛pr
Lisbon	249.39-250.81	249.75-250.74	14pr-6ds	88-96ds
Madrid	175.28-176.17	175.59-176.11	15-5pr	29-23pr
Milan	2088.76-2097.05	2091.33-2095.10	7-5pr	19-17pr
Oslo	10.9160-10.9458	10.9430-10.9458	3⅝-3⅝pr	10-8⅞pr
Paris	9.5679-9.6135	9.5943-9.6084	4⅝-4⅛pr	12-11⅞pr
Stckhlm	10.2603-10.2999	10.2969-10.2999	2⅝-2⅛pr	6⅛-5⅛pr
Tokyo	256.23-257.05	256.73-257.05	1⅝-1⅛pr	5-4⅞pr
Vienna	19.97-20.04	20.01-20.04	11⅞-11pr	32⅞-30pr
Zurich	2.4115-2.4196	2.4133-2.4164	1⅝-1⅛pr	3⅞-3⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	8395.00-8433.60
Australia dollar	2.1875-2.1917
Bahrain dinar	0.6305-0.6366
Brazil cruzado*	92.0092-93.0720
Cyprus pound	0.7875-0.7975
Finland marka	6.6215-6.6868
Greece drachma	276.90-280.10
Hong Kong dollar	13.0737-13.0838
India rupee	29.21-29.51
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4885-0.4945
Malaysia ringgit	4.5484-4.5582
Mexico peso	4875-4775
New Zealand dollar	2.9050-2.9119
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.2865-6.3465
Singapore dollar	3.1096-3.1133
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4406-6.5704
S Africa rand (com)	4.4738-4.4616
U A E dirham	6.1375-6.2175

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5800-1.5815	Denmark	6.4520-6.4570	Italy	1246.0-1247.0
Singapore	1.8510-1.8520	W Germany	1.6945-1.6955	Belgium (Com)	34.88-34.93
Malaysia	2.7080-2.7090	Switzerland	1.4387-1.4397	Hong Kong	7.7820-7.7830
Australia	1.3020-1.3037	Netherlands	1.9075-1.9085	Portugal	148.70-148.80
Canada	1.1768-1.1778	France	5.7140-5.7190	Spain	104.63-104.73
Sweden	6.1175-6.1225	Japan	152.78-152.88	Austria	11.92-11.93
Norway	6.5100-6.5200				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 14½ Low 13½ Week fixed: 14½
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 14⅜ 3 mth – 14⅜
Selling: 2 mth – 14¹⁹⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 14⁷⁄₁₆
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14¹¹⁄₁₆-²¹⁄₃₂
2 mth: 14²¹⁄₃₂-14⅝ 3 mth: 14¹⁷⁄₃₂-14½ 6 mth 14⁵⁄₃₂-14
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15³⁄₁₆
2 mth: 15³⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 15³⁄₃₂ 6 mth 14²¹⁄₃₂
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 14½ close 13½
1 week: 14⅞-14¾ 1 mth: 15-14³¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 15³⁄₃₂-¹⁄₁₆
6 mth: 15⅛-15¹⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-14⅞ 12 mth: 15-14¹⁵⁄₁₆
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 14⅝ 7 day: 15 1 mth: 15
3 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 14³¹⁄₃₂-²⁹⁄₃₂
3 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-15 6 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-15 12 mth 14²⁷⁄₃₂-14¾
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.22-8.17
3 mth: 8.25-8.20 6 mth: 8.32-8.27 12 mth 8.42-8.37
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 15-14¹⁵⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 15³⁄₃₂-¹⁄₃₂
6 mth: 15³⁄₃₂-¹⁄₃₂ 9 mth: 15-14⅞ 12 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-⅞

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 31, 1990. Agreed rates June 26, 1990 to July 24, 1990. Scheme I: 15.91 per cent. Schemes II & III: 16.44 per cent. Reference rate May 1, 1990 to May 31, 1990. Scheme IV & V: 15.201 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8⅛-7⅞	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8⅛-8⅛	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆
Call: 8⅛-7⅞				
Deutschemark:	7¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	8-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	8³⁄₁₆-8	8⅝-8⅜
Call: 8-7				
French Franc:	9⅛-9⅝	9⅝-9⅝	10-9¹⁵⁄₁₆	10³⁄₁₆-10
Call: 9⅛-8⅞				
Swiss Franc:	9-8⅞	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8⅝-8⅝
Call: 9⅛-8⅞				
Yen:	7⅜-7⅝	7⅝-7⅝	7⅝-7⅝	7⅝-7⅝
Call: 7⅛-6⅞				

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $357.75-358.25 Close: $358.50-359.00
High: $358.50-359.00 Low: $357.25-357.75

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Britannia: $367.00-372.00 (£218.00-221.00)
Krugerrand: $357.50-360.50 (£212.50-214.50)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $367.00-372.00 (£218.00-221.00)
American Eagles: $367.00-372.00 (£218.00-221.00)
New Sovereigns: $84.00-86.00 (£50.00-51.50)
Old Sovereigns: $84.00-86.00 (£50.00-51.50)

PRECIOUS METALS

Platinum pm fix: $488.50 (£290.00)
Palladium pm fix: $117.50 (£70.05)
Spot Silver: $5.08-5.10 (£3.015-3.030)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 23284		
Jun 90	2436.0	2441.0	2397.0	2423.0	6224
Sep 90	2466.0	2469.0	2448.0	2472.5	2312
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 185869		
Jun 90	84.92	84.92	84.90	84.90	2169
Sep 90	85.32	85.35	85.29	85.30	8453
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 40453		
Jun 90	91.68	91.70	91.66	91.69	1129
Sep 90	91.77	91.80	91.76	91.76	2829
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 73175		
Jun 90	91.75	91.77	91.72	91.74	1727
Sep 90	91.53	91.53	91.38	91.40	8748

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three month ECU			Previous open interest 3795		
Jun 90	88.73	88.73	88.71	88.73	58
Sep 90	88.66	88.66	88.67	88.67	15
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 3634		
Sep 90	94-08	94-19	93-30	94-03	3684
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 39191		
Sep 90	84-13	84-24	83-28	83-31	20987
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 1052		
Sep 90	96.08	96.12	95.90	95.96	190
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 64722		
Jun 90	83.90	83.95	83.10	83.18	12111
Sep 90	83.60	83.60	82.87	82.95	29793

COMMODITIES

London Oil Reports

News that Opec May production was 23.4 million barrels/day and Saudi had cut its July contract prices drove crude oil prices lower. Product prices crashed in very thin trading.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	14.75	-75
15 day Jun	14.90	-75
15 day Jul	15.60	-70
WTI Jul	16.50	-80
WTI Aug	17.20	-80

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	-7	216-220	-7
Gasoil EEC	-5	139-140	-6
Non 1H Jul	-4	141-142	-4
Non 1H Aug	-6	142-143	-6
3.5 Fuel Oil	-5	50-51	-6
Naphtha	-8	142-145	-7

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Jun 90 Hi 1239-1220 Low Close 1220
Jul 90 Hi 1130-1120 Low Close 1120
Oct 90 Hi 1215-1210 Low Close 1212
Jan 91 Hi 1228-1220 Low Close 1228
Vol 187 lots Open interest 4437
Dry cargo index 1305 +3

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL AMT Futures

Jul	139.00-38.75
Aug	141.25-41.00
Sep	144.25-44.00
Oct	147.75-47.25
Nov	150.00-49.25
Dec	151.75-51.25
Jan	151.75-51.25
Vol	11272

BRENT AMT Futures

Jul	15.65-15.63
Aug	16.15-16.13
Vol	10916

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	109.0	108.5
Feb	135.0	135.5
Apr	150.0	150.5
May	167.5	165.0
		Vol 314

LONDON FOX

COCOA AMT Futures
Jul 855-854 May 940-939
Sep 883-882 Jul 954-950
Dec 907-905 Sep 970-966
Mar 925-924 Vol 12287

COFFEE AMT Futures
Jul 640-639 Mar 685-682
Sep 655-654 May 710-706
Nov 669-668 Jul 721-710
Jan 682-680 Vol 2222

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 4237
Aug 301.4-01.2 Mar 282.8-82.4
Oct 288.0-87.6 May 282.0-81.4
Dec 300-280 Aug 280.4-80.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 161
Jn 120.20 Sp 113.80 Nv 117.50
Ja 120.80 Mr 124.25 My 127.30
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 51
Sp 111.85 Nv 116.05 Ja 119.30
Mr 122.50 My 123.85

SOYABEAN AMT Futures
Jun 113.0-15.0 Oct 117.5 BID
Aug 114.0-17.0 Dec 123.0-27.0
Vol 1095

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol
Copper Gde A	1577.0-1578.0	1496.0-1496.5	397950
Lead	488.0-489.0	490.0-491.0	38925
Zinc Spec Hi*	1754.0-1755.0	1686.0-1687.0	65875
Tin*	6230.0-6240.0	6350.0-6355.0	6045
Aluminium Hi*	1604.0-1605.0	1611.0-1612.0	356375
Nickel*	8160.0-8165.0	8150.0-8175.0	9768

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (Avg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jun	137.0	136.5
Aug	122.0	121.8
Oct	123.5	123.5
Nov	121.0	120.5

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jun	107.0	107.0
Aug	110.0	110.0
Oct	112.0	112.0

Vol Pig-76 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on June 5

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	105.71	170.44	107.74
GB (+/–)	-5.39	*-21.00	+1.95
Eng/Wal (%)	-22.4	-11.7	+44.9
Eng/Wal (p)	104.97	169.53	108.44
Eng/Wal (+/–)	-6.08	-20.83	+2.24
Scotland (%)	-70.7	-3.2	+1.1
Scotland (p)	116.39	181.54	111.77
Scotland (+/–)	+5.0	-28.29	+2.56

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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WORLD MARKETS

Dow ahead 13 points at start of dealings

New York
THE Dow Jones industrial average was ahead by 13 points at 2,948.19 in early trading while rising shares outnumbered falls by two to one. Shares opened higher with futures-related buying contributing to the rise.

● **Tokyo** — The Nikkei average closed down 3.75 at 32,921.62. Prices closed little changed as brokers sought in vain for direction in a market unswayed by good news.

● **Frankfurt** — The DAX index closed *19.74 higher at* 1,876.69, boosted by strong gains in individual stocks such as Volkswagen and Hoesch. Prices closed *1.1* per cent higher in fairly active dealings as new highs on Wall Street, a firmer bond market and demand for certain blue chips boosted prices. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Jun 5 midday	Jun 4 close
Abbott Lab	37¾	38¾
Aetna Life	54¾	53¾
Ahmanson	22	21¼
Air Prods	57	57
Albertsons	67¾	67¾
Alcan Al	23¼	23¾
Alco Stand	35¾	35¾
Allied Signal	37¾	37¾
Alumin CA	68¾	69¾
Am Brands	66¾	66¾
Am Cyanmd	57¾	57¾
Am EPC	30¾	29¾
Am General	48¾	48¾
Am Home	53¾	54
Am Intl	102¾	103¾
Am Medical	n/a	n/a
Am Stores	70¾	71¾
Amax	25¼	25¾
Amer Hess	45¾	46¾
Ameritech	65¾	64¾
Amex	31¾	31¾
Amoco	52¾	53¾
AMP	52¾	52¾
AMR	68¾	67¾
Anheuser-B	43¾	43¾
Apple Comp	40	40¾
Archer-Dan	25¾	26¾
Arkla	22¾	22¾
Armstrong	36¾	36¾
Asarco	27¾	27¾
Ashland Oil	36¾	36¾
AT&T	43¾	43¾
Atlan Richfld	118¾	119
Auto DP	58¾	58¾
Avery Intl	24¾	24¾
Avon Prod	35¾	35
Baltimore	29¾	29¾
Banc One	32¾	32¾
Bankamerica	33¾	32¾
Bard	15¾	16¾
Barnett Bk	37¾	37¾
Bausch Lomb	64¾	64¾
Baxter Intl	23¾	23¾
Bec Dickin	69¾	68¾
Bell Atlan	52	52¾
Bellsouth	57	58¾
Bkr Hughes	28¾	29¾
Black Decker	14¾	14¾
[illegible]	38¾	39¾
Bnkrs Tst NY	46¾	45¾
Boeing	85¾	86¾
Boise Casc	37	37¾
Borden	35¾	34¾
Brist-Myer	62¾	62¾
Browng-Fer	43¾	43¾
Burl Ntn	36	36
CBI	19¾	18¾
Campbell Sp	56¾	55¾
Cap Cities	568	566¾
Capital HC	48¾	48¾
Carolina	44¾	45
Caterpillar	66¾	67¾
CBS	202	201¾
Centel SW	40	39¾
Champion	31¾	31¾
Chase Man	28	27¾
Chem Bnkg	28¾	28¾
Chevron	71	70¾
Chrysler	16	16¾
Chubb	49¾	48
Cigna	54¾	53¾
Citicorp	24¾	24¾
Clbrne Liz	30¾	30¾
Clorox	43¾	43½
Cmwlth Edis	32¾	32¾
CNA Fncl	79¾	78¾
Coastal	34¾	34¾
Coca-Cola	45¾	46¾
Colgate-Pal	65¾	65¾
Columb Gas	45¾	45¾
Compaq	124¾	124¾
Conagra	31¾	32¾
Cons Edis	24¾	24¾
Cons NG	47	47¾
Cons Rail	46¾	45¾
Cooper Ind	44	43¾
Corning	49	46¾
CPC Intl	78	78¾
Crown Cork	61¾	62¾
CSX	35	34¾
Dana	36¾	36¾
Dayton-Hud	75¾	75¾
Deere	72¾	74¾
Delta Air	80¾	79¾
Deluxe	31¾	32¾
Detroit Ed	27¾	27¾
Digital Eq	91	91¾
Dillard	72¾	72¾
Disney	126¾	126¾
Dominion	44¾	44¾
Donnelley	46¾	46¾
Dover	40¾	40¾
Dow Chem	65¾	64¾
Dow Jones	25¾	26¾
Dresser Ind	51¾	52¾
Du Pont	39¾	40
Duke Pwr	56¾	56
Dun Bradst	47¾	47¾
East Kodak	38¾	39¾
Eaton	61¾	60¾
Emerson El	42¾	41¾

	Jun 5 midday	Jun 4 close
[illegible]	54¾	56¾
Entergy	20¾	20¾
Ethyl	29¾	29¾
Exxon	48¾	48¾
Fed NMA	43¾	43¾
Fedrl Expre	48¾	48¾
Flt Norstar	23¾	23¾
Fluor	47	48¾
Ford Motor	47¾	47¾
FPL	32	32¾
Fst Chicago	35	33¾
Fst Intersta	43¾	44¾
Fst Union	21½	21½
Gannett	42	41¾
Gen Cinema	23¾	23¾
Gen Elec	70	70¾
Gen Mills	82¾	82¾
Gen Motors	50	50¾
Gen RE	91¾	90¾
Gen Signal	58¾	58¾
Genentech	27¾	27¾
Genuine Pts	42¾	42¾
Georgia-Pac	45¾	45¾
Gillette	57	57
[illegible]	44	43¾
Goodyear	35¾	36¾
Grace	29¾	29¾
Greyhound	28¾	29
Gt Atlantic	56¾	56¾
Gt Nor Nek	65¾	65¾
Gt Western	20¾	20¾
GTE	65¾	65¾
Halliburtn	47¾	49
Heinz	34¾	33¾
Hercules	36¾	36¾
Hershey Fd	35¾	35¾
Hewlett Pkd	49¾	48¾
Hilton Htl	55¾	55¾
Home Depot	60¾	61¾
Homestake	17¾	18¾
Honeywell	100¾	101¾
Houston Ind	33¾	33¾
Hsehld Intl	51¾	50¾
Humana	45¾	45¾
IBM	121¾	120¾
IF&F	68¾	67¾
Illinois Tlw	54¾	55¾
Inco	27¾	27¾
Ingsol-Rand	57¾	57¾
Inland Steel	34¾	34¾
Intel	47¾	48¾
Intl Paper	52¾	51¾
ITT	59¾	60¾
James River	25¾	25¾
Johnsn Jhsn	65¾	65
K Mart	36¾	36¾
Kellogg	70¾	69¾
Kerr-McGee	47¾	47¾
Kimbly-Clrk	70¾	70¾
Knight-Ridr	52¾	52¾
Lilly	78	77¾
Limited	50¾	50¾
Lin Brdcstg	72¾	73
Lincln Nat	55¾	54¾
Litton Ind	78¾	78
Lockheed	36¾	36¾
Louis-Pac	45¾	44¾
Manu Hano	37¾	37¾
Marriott	25¾	25¾
Marsh Mclen	79¾	79¾
Martin Mar	43¾	43¾
Masco	25½	25¾
May Dept	58¾	58¾
Maytag	16¾	16¾
MCA	59¾	60¾
McDnl Doug	45¾	46¾
McDonalds	36¾	36¾
McGraw-Hill	55¾	55¾
MCI Com	42¾	43
Mead	35¾	33¾
Medtronic	79	78¾
Melville	60¾	60¾
Merck	84	84¾
Merll Lynch	24¾	24¾
MMM	84¾	85
Mobil	63¾	63¾
Monsanto	103¾	103
Moore	30	29¾
Morgan	38¾	39¾
Motorola	84¾	84¾
Nat Medical	36¾	36¾
Nat Service	27¾	27¾
Navistar	4	4¾
NCNB	43¾	42¾
NCR	65¾	65¾
NED Engl	25¾	26¾
Newmont Min	44¾	44¾
Niagr Mhwk	14	13¾
Nike	78	78
NL Indstrs	18¾	18¾
Nordstrom	35¾	35¾
Norflk Sthn	42	41¾
Norton	60¾	59¾
Norwest	23¾	22¾
Nthn St Pwr	36¾	35¾
Nthn Telcm	29	29
NY Times	24¾	24¾
Nynex	86¾	89¾
Occid Petrl	27	27¾
Ohio Ed	20¾	20¾
Oracle Sys	20¾	20¾

	Jun 5 midday	Jun 4 close
Oryx Enrgy	45¾	46¾
Pac Ent	44¾	44¾
Pac Gas Elec	23¾	23¾
Pac Telesis	46¾	46¾
Paccar	41¾	41¾
Pacificorp	21¾	21¾
Pall	34¾	34¾
Paramount	50¾	49¾
Parker-Hanfin	32¾	31¾
Penney	68	67¾
Pennzoil	74¾	74¾
Pepsico	76¾	76¾
Pfizer	64¾	64¾
Philips Pet	28¾	28¾
Philips Elec	16¾	16¾
Philip Morris	44¾	44¾
Phelps Dodge	59¾	58¾
Pitney Bow	53¾	53
Plcr Dome	15	15
PNC Fncl	36¾	36¾
Pnhdle Estn	25¾	25¾
Polaroid	42¾	43¾
PPG Inds	50¾	50¾
Prctr Gmble	82¾	82¾
Price	37¾	33¾
Primerica	34¾	33¾
Pub Service	26¾	26¾
Quaker Oats	52¾	51¾
Ralston Pur	92	90¾
Raychem	35¾	35
Raytheon	62	62¾
Reebok	18¾	18¾
Roadway	36¾	36¾
Rockwell	27¾	27¾
Rohm Haas	34¾	34¾
Royal Dutch	76	76¾
Rubbermaid	40	40¾
Rynlds Mtl	60	59¾
Safeco	38¾	38¾
Salomon	26	25¾
Sant Fe Pac	22¾	22¾
Sara Lee	30¾	30
Schecorp	38¾	39¾
Schlumbgr	57¾	58¾
Schrg-Plgh	47¾	47¾
Scott Papr	44¾	43¾
Seagram	87¾	87¾
Sears Rbk	36¾	36¾
Secrty Pac	43¾	42¾
Shrwn-Wlms	38	37¾
Snap-on Tls	36¾	37¾
Southern	25¾	25¾
Sovran	33¾	32¾
St Paul	60¾	58¾
Stanley Wk	34¾	35¾
Stone Cntr	19¾	19¾
Sun Co	36¾	36¾
Sunst Bk	24	23¾
Super Valu	25¾	25
SW Bell	58¾	58¾
Syntex	58¾	58¾
Sysco	35	34¾
Tandem	28¾	28
Tandy	37	37¾
Tele-comm	15¾	15¾
Teledyne	37¾	36¾
Temple-In	38	38
Tenneco	68¾	68
Texaco	59¾	60
Texas Inst	43¾	42¾
Texas Util	37¾	37¾
Textron	24¾	24¾
Time Wrnr	110¾	110¾
Times Mirr	33¾	33¾
Timken	35	35¾
Torchmark	47¾	47¾
Toys R Us	47¾	47¾
Transam	40	39¾
Travelers	32¾	31¾
Tribune	43¾	43¾
TRW	49¾	50
Tyco Lab	54	55
UAL	158¾	159¾
Un Camp	37¾	37¾
Un Carbide	19¾	19¾
Un Pacific	74	74¾
Unilever	69¾	69¾
Unisys	15¾	15
Unocal	29¾	30¾
Upjohn	40¾	40¾
US West	n/a	n/a
Usair Gp	30	29¾
USF&G	28¾	28¾
UST	29¾	29¾
USX	34¾	34¾
Utd Tech	58¾	60
Utd Telcm	44¾	46
VF	30	30
Wal-Mart	60¾	60¾
Walgreen	46¾	47¾
Waste Mgmt	40¾	40
Wells Fargo	84¾	84¾
Westg Elec	37¾	37¾
Weyerhsr	27¾	27¾
Whirlpool	30¾	30¾
Whitman	28	28¾
Winn-Dixie	67¾	67¾
Woolworth	38¾	38
Wrigley	57¾	56¾
Wrner-Lamb	61¾	61¾
Xerox	47¾	47

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Allid Lyons (*519)	420	102	118	128	1	3	5
	460	64	83	97	3	7	10
	500	32	54	70	11	17	20
ASDA (*108)	90	21	22	26	1½	3½	5½
	100	13	15	19	3	6	8
	110	8	9	15	6½	10	13
Bass (*1098)	950	170	–	–	2	–	–
	1000	122	–	–	–	–	–
	1050	80	–	–	11	–	–
Boots (*305)	240	69	71	76	1	2	2
	280	49	53	58	2	4	5
	280	29	37	44	5	7½	8
Brit Air (*207)	180	31	37	41	1	2½	4
	200	14	22	26	4½	8	10
	220	4	12	17	16	18	17
Brit Gas (*n/a)	50	1	1	–	50	60	–
	60	1	1	–	60	54	–
	70	1	1	–	70	70	–
BP (*329)	300	34	42	51	2	4½	8
	330	11	20	30	9	14	18
	360	2	8½	–	34	34	–
Brit Steel (*145)	130	18	16½	20	1	2½	4
	140	7	9½	13	5	8	9½
	160	1	3½	5½	23	23	24
C & W (*549)	460	100	117	130	1½	4½	8
	500	60	84	102	5	11	18
	550	25	47	68	20	27	30
Com Union (*497)	420	86	91	110	1	5	7
	460	48	59	80	5	12	18
	500	20	34	54	17	26	26
Courtauld (*347)	297	56	67	–	1½	4	–
	327	30	43	–	4	8	–
	357	12	–	–	16	–	–
GKN (*385)	360	32	42	55	3	10	14
	390	13	25	37	14	23	25
	420	5	13	24	36	42	43
Grand Met (*637)	500	142	148	–	1	2½	–
	550	92	103	125	2	5	10
	600	48	65	88	7	18	23
ICI (*1203)	1100	130	149	164	5	15	21
	1150	87	110	148	12	27	33
	1200	50	79	115	27	47	54
Kingfisher (*337)	280	64	72	81	1½	4½	6½
	300	44	54	64	4	7	10
	330	20	30	41	8	15	17
Ladbroke (*316)	280	44	56	61	2	4	6½
	300	26	40	47	4	8	11
	330	8	21	30	18	21	23
Land Sec (*509)	460	55	65	80	3	8	13
	500	17	37	53	15	23	27
	550	4	20	28	60	60	60
M & S (*223)	180	46	55	60	1	1	2
	200	28	37	42	1½	3	4
	220	12	22	28	8	8	9
STC (*266)	220	51	57	–	1	3½	–
	240	32	41	52	3½	8	10½
	260	17	28	36	9	14	16
Sainsbury (*287)	240	52	62	70	1	1½	2½
	260	32	44	52	1½	4	5
	280	16	29	37	6	8	11
Shell (*465)	420	60	66	85	2	6	8
	460	23	37	55	9	16	20
	500	7	16	35	35	37	38
Smkl Beech (*546)	460	94	105	120	1	4	7
	500	56	72	88	4	12	15
	550	20	38	57	19	27	31
Storehse (*127)	100	27	30	34	1	2½	3½
	110	17	22	25	2	4	6
	120	10	15	21	5	7½	10
Trafalgar (*320)	280	48	58	63	2	5	9
	300	30	43	48	5	10	17
	330	11	25	31	20	23	30
Ultramar (*334)	300	40	50	65	2	7	9
	330	18	30	45	11	17	20
	360	7	17	30	30	32	35
Unilever (*705)	600	120½	137½	157½	2	2½	4
	650	72½	93½	117	2½	7½	10½
	700	31½	57½	82	12½	22½	25½
	750	9	–	–	43½	–	–
Utd Bisc (*347)	300	56	62	72	1	4	5
	330	28	38	48	4½	10	13
	360	10	19	30	17	22	24
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*429)	360	73	85	–	2	4	–
	390	44	60	72	5	9	12
	420	24	40	50	14	20	25
BAT Ind (*655)	587	78	–	–	5	–	–
	637	38	63	–	14	26	–
	687	14	32	–	45	53	–
	737	6	19	–	93	95	–
BTR (*444)	360	87	102	–	1	2	–
	390	68	75	90	2½	6	8
	420	42	52	68	7	13	16
Brit Aero (*542)	460	98	105	–	3	7	–
	500	62	76	85	7	16	18
	550	31	45	62	25	35	38
Brit Tele (*295)	240	62	68	–	1	1½	–
	260	42	48	58	2	3½	5
	280	24	32	39	6	8	10
Cadbury (*349)	300	58	67	79	1½	4½	5½
	330	34	44	56	7	11	14
	360	15	27	37	18	22	25
Guinness (*785)	600	200	212	–	1	2	–
	650	152	155	190	1½	4	6
	700	105	122	150	5	10	14
GEC (*213)	180	39	40	44	1½	2	3½
	200	21	24	30	5	7	9
	220	7	13	18	16	17	18
Hanson (*244)	200	47	54	–	1	1½	–
	220	29	37	40	2	3½	5
	240	14	22½	27	8	9½	13
LASMO (*404)	333	85	–	–	2	–	–
	367	55	65	–	5	8	–
	400	28	48	–	15	17	–

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
P & O (*625)	550	93½	101½	–	2	6	–
	600	49½	61	81½	8½	18	19½
	650	19½	32	51½	31½	48	42½
Pilkington (*208)	180	27	32	36	3½	6	9
	200	10½	20	26	12	15	18
	220	4½	11	16	26	27	29
Polly Peck (*441)	355	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	2	2½	–
	382	75½	89½	–	2½	5	–
	418	44	61	–	7½	13	–
Prudential (*231)	180	51	58	–	1	1½	–
	200	41	45	53	1	3	5
	220	24	30	37	5	8	9
Racal (*215)	200	22	30	37	7	9	11
	220	10	19	26	16	16	19
	240	4½	11	17	28	32	33
RTZ (*580)	500	97	110	129	2½	5	7
	550	56	72	92	9	14	17
	600	24	42	62	36	37	40
Scot & New (*336)	300	43	52	58	5	10	13
	330	20	33	43	18	20	25
	360	6	20	26	38	35	40
Tesco (*220)	180	48	48½	–	1	1½	–
	200	27½	32	37½	2	4½	5½
	220	13½	18½	24½	8½	11½	12½
Thames Wtr (*144)	120	27	29	–	1	2	–
	130	18	20	26	4	5	7
	140	10	12	20	9	11	13
	160	3	5½	12	26	28	28
Wtr Package (*1513)	1400	170	180	–	60	60	–
	1450	130	150	–	80	110	–
	1500	80	110	150	110	130	170
	1550	55	80	130	150	180	210
	Series	Jul	Sep	Nov	Jul	Sep	Nov
Ferranti (*40)	35	6½	8½	10	1	2	3½
	40	2½	5	5½	2½	4	4½
	45	1½	–	–	6½	–	–
	Series	Jun	Aug	Oct	Jun	Aug	Oct
Reuters (*1200)	1100	[illegible]	142½	176½	2½	14	22½
	1150	65	105	140½	8½	28½	38½
	1200	30½	73½	108½	25½	45½	56½
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat (*205)	160	46	51	53	1	1	1½
	180	26	33	36	1	3	4
	200	8½	17	22	3½	9	11
Amstrad (*67)	60	8½	12½	15	1	3	4
	70	2	6½	8½	5	8	9½
	80	½	3	6	14	15	16½
Barclays (*416)	329	87	–	–	1	–	–
	357	58	65	77	1	5	6
	383	23	37	50	3	14	17
	420	3	14	30	22	30	30
Blue Circ (*240)	200	44	52	57	1	2½	3½
	220	25	33	43	2	6	8
	240	9	19	28	5½	13	15
	260	2½	12	19	21	26	28
Brit Gas (*221)	180	44	46	50	1	1½	2
	200	24	29	38	1	3½	5
	220	7	12	19	3½	10	12
	240	1	4	–	19	23	–
Dixons (*148)	110	32	37	39	1	1½	2
	120	22	28	39	1	3	4
	130	13	18	23	1½	6	8
Glaxo (*798)	750	56	85	108	3½	15	25
	775	31	–	–	9	–	–
	800	17	53	70	18	32	45
	850	2½	28	47	59	60	72
Hawker (*579)	550	60	113	129	1	10	20
	600	30	70	75	6	28	35
	700	12	40	55	45	55	58
Hillsdown (*259)	220	41	49	53	1	2½	5
	240	21	32	40	2½	7	10
	260	7	20	28	8	14	18
Lonrho (*256)	218	42	45	53	1½	3	4
	236	28	30	39	2	6	8
	255	8	18	28	5	14	17
Midland (*310)	280	28	37	49	4	12	16
	300	13	28	39	11	19	24
	330	4	14	27	30	38	38
R-Royce (*228)	160	70	76	78	½	½	1
	180	50	57	60	½	½	1½
	200	30	39½	43	½	2	3½
Sears (*103)	80	25	29	31	1	1½	2
	90	15½	20	23	1	2½	3½
	100	6	12	15	2	5	7
THF (*293)	240	55	64	66	½	2	3
	260	35	47	52	1	4	6
	280	16	31½	37	3	8½	11
Thorn EMI (*783)	600	170	175	183	1	3	7
	650	120	125	136	2	8	13
	700	70	77	93	3	14	22
TSB (*145)	120	25	27	30	1	1½	2
	130	18	18	22	1	3½	5
	140	5½	11	16	3	6	9
Vaal Reefs (*77)	80	3	7	10	6	11	12
	90	2	5	5	16	18	19
Wellcome (*682)	600	80	–	–	2	–	–
	650	37	72	92	9	25	32
	700	10	45	69	34	47	54

FT-SE INDEX (*2380)

	2200	2250	2300	2350	2400	2450
Calls						
Jun	223	177	135	97	58	34
Jul	242	206	152	125	95	63
Aug	260	215	186	140	108	83
Sep	288	246	208	170	135	106
Dec	327	–	253	–	186	–
Puts						
Jun	8½	9	12	24	40	78
Jul	13	19	25	37	58	77
Aug	18	28	39	49	67	91
Sep	24	30	40	50	80	90
Dec	30	–	54	–	92	–

June 5, 1990 Total: 35121 Calls 23701 Puts 11420 FT-SE: Calls 4972 Puts 8430
*Underlying security price.

STOCK MARKET

Rights issue fears hit shares

SHARES enjoyed a roller-coaster ride. An early 20-point gain, helped by Wall Street's strong close on Monday, quickly turned into a fall of a similar size as the market grew worried about the growing rash of rights issues. Many fund managers opted to take profits while they were still there.

Prompting the concern was the **Tomkins** industrial distribution group, which announced a $550 million takeover of the US group Philips Industries. The catch, as far as the market was concerned, was the £320 million rights issue that was going to pay for Philips.

Tomkins's rights issue follows hot on the heels of issues from Morgan Crucible, Bowater and Laporte. Collectively, the four have called on shareholders for almost £700 million.

Tomkins has yet to announce the terms of its issue, which did little to settle a market already unnerved by signs of hesitation in the futures market. Tomkins fell 14p to 288p.

With no domestic economic data due out, gilts had a quiet day with gains turning to falls of about a quarter of a point as the market drifted lower. In equities, it was a busy day with *618 million shares traded.*

After a bout of selling, the market recovered its cautiously-upward momentum, driven by the hope that Wall Street would once again move further ahead. But when Wall Street opened, it, too, appeared to lack direction after a short-lived rally at the start, bringing London's recovery to a halt. The FT-SE 100 index closed 1.1 points higher at 2,380.1. The FT 30 index added *just 0.5* to 1,893.9.

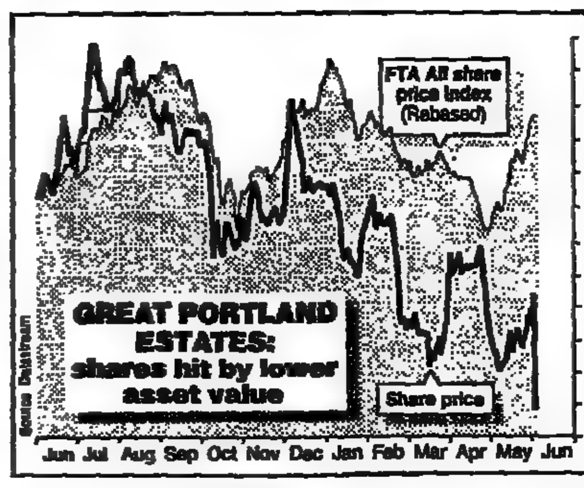
Confirmation of the merger between the do-it-yourself subsidiaries of **Boots** and **WH Smith** knocked *3p* off Smith's A to 349p. Smith is to pay Boots £50 million so that the different sized businesses can be merged within a 50-50 joint vehicle. Although Boots's Payless chain is bigger, *the* 230-strong *joint venture will* trade under Smith's Do-It-All name.

Boots *slipped 4p to 306p* ahead of Thursday's preliminary results. Both Morgan Stanley and *Paribas Capital* Markets are looking for pre-tax profits of £340 million for the year to March, against £295 million last time.

Boots' rating has suffered since last year's £900 million acquisition of the the Ward White group. But now with Payless sorted out and the prospects for its Manoplex heart drug apparently improving, both brokers believe some of the company's former gloss could return. Morgan Stanley is expecting the pharmaceuticals division to contribute £102 million to trading profits on a turnover of £590 million.

In the current year, Paribas is looking for group pre-tax profits of £375 million, while Morgan Stanley plumps for £390 million.

Further consideration of the £1.1 billion merger between Willis Faber and Corroon & Black, the American broker, knocked another 15p off the Willis ***Faber price. It closed at*** **250p — a two-day fall of 41p. Willis is optimistic that** ***250p could provide a floor for*** **the price.**



Elsewhere among the retailers, **Body Shop** fell 12p to 450p.

The food supermarket chains continued to lose ground on the back of the complaint to the Office of Fair Trading by Aldi, the West German group. **Tesco** slipped 3p to 220p, **Sainsbury** *gave up* a similar sum to 287p, and **Kwik Save** eased 2p to 521p.

Properties came in for some heavy selling on the back of the fall in the net asset value at ***Great Portland Estates.*** The sector is now divided between those who think that all the bad *news is now discounted* in company share prices and those who think there is worse to come.

While **Land Securities'** results favoured the former group, yesterday's results from Great Portland provided new ammunition for the bears. The 17 per cent slide in the value of Great Portland's City and Holborn properties backed the recently-expressed view of Sir Christopher Benson, the MEPC chairman, that development surpluses are being eroded. Great Portland finished 33p cheaper at 241p.

On a fully-diluted basis, Great Portland's net asset value a share fell from 397p to 384p. Kleinwort Benson is forecasting a March, 1991, figure of 365p and has not ruled out further falls in the following year.

The fall in GP's net asset value hit the other large investment companies. The two sector leaders, Land Securities and MEPC, came under heavy selling pressure with 6.2 million and 3.3 million shares traded repectively. Land Securities fell 17p to 509p — a fall matched by MEPC which closed at 501p.

Amid continuing over-production by Opec, oils were hit by reports of planned ***price discounting*** **by the Sandis and by sell recommendations from brokers. BP** ***slipped 6p to*** **326p, Ultramar 3p to 334p and Enterprise 5p to 643p. Premier Consolidated closed 3p lower at 93p.**

British Land, which is likely to report next week, fell 22p to 338p. **Greycoat,** a firm market *recently, closed 21p lower at* 416p. **Hammerson A** slipped 11p to 715p.

On the way up was **Saatchi & Saatchi,** the troubled advertising group, which surprised most followers by actually managing to conclude the disposal of the Hay Group. Even more of a surprise was the £47.8 million *Saatchi is to* receive for the group, significantly better than the £40 million that the company had been hinting at in the last few days. Interim pre-tax profits of *£14 million were also slightly* better than expected. Saatchi jumped 6p to 107p.

Among the bid stocks, **Allied-Lyons** continued its recent strong run. Its price jumped 16p to 520p.

Davies & Newman lost 53p to 475p, making a two-day fall *in the closely-held* stock of 88p.

Back in fashion were the insurers, both the life companies and the composites. Talk of a bid for **Prudential** from its American namesake lifted its shares 4p to 231p. Other life groups moving higher were **Britannic,** 12p better *at 660p,* ***Legal & General,*** 5p higher at 409p and **Refuge Group,** 7p up on the *day at 644p.*

Among the composites, **Commercial Union** jumped 6p to 497p *while* ***General Accident*** improved 16p to 1133p.

Matthew Bond

Strike-hit Greyhound files for Chapter 11

From JOHN DURIE
IN NEW YORK

THE largest US bus operator, Greyhound Lines Inc, has filed for bankruptcy in the wake of a three-month strike.

The Chapter 11 filing gives Greyhound protection from creditors while it tries to sort out its industrial problems.

Mr Michael Doyle, Greyhound's chief financial officer, said that the company had acted in order to ensure "continuation of its total system."

Greyhound Lines has been plagued by a bitter strike since March, when its 6,300 drivers walked off the job. The company *claims that direct* costs of this exceed $70 million.

The company has debts of $800 million, including a $225 million junk bond issue as a result of the management buyout of the bus line in 1987. Last month, it missed a $10 million lease payment on its buses and a $9.8 *million* interest payment. Greyhound has tried to buy back some junk bonds. An offer to redeem for $86 million bonds with a face value of $191 million closes shortly, with little expectation that holders will accept it.

Greyhound needs extra capital of $35 million to keep its 3,800 buses rolling during the peak summer season to the 9,500 US points that it serves.

Mr Frank Schmieder, chief operating officer, said: "While most of the creditors had worked with us, there were a few that were anxious to move forward and to repossess some *of Greyhound's equipment. If* that happened, we would have broken the network."

Playboy plan opposed by Industrial Equity

From OUR CORRESPONDENT *IN NEW YORK*

INDUSTRIAL Equity Pacific has opposed a recapitalization by Playboy Enterprises, seeking a change to the plan.

Playboy intends to recapitalize by issuing non-voting shares and splitting its present voting ones which will double the shares in issue but leave only 25 per cent of as voters.

IEP, with 7.6 per cent, is the largest shareholder with the exception of the founder, Mr Hugh Hefner, who controls 70.6 per cent. Playboy wants to expand its share base to make acquisitions without diluting Mr Hefner's stake.

Mr Robert Sutherland, the *IEP chief executive in the US,* complained that the proposal would allow the Hefner family to sell large numbers of its shares while still retaining voting control.

A spokesman for the company said the proposal would proceed irrespective of the IEP complaints and that the new shares are due to begin trading on Friday.

COMPANY BRIEFS

CUPID (Fin)
Pre-tax: £0.64m (£0.46m)
EPS: 15.7p (14.2p)
Div: 3p (2.2p)
Group turnover advanced to £7.32m (£4.63m), boosted by exports of almost £1m, based largely on the opening of a Paris office.

WARRINGTONS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.30m (£1.03m)
EPS: 4.1p (3.2p)
Div: 1p (1p)
Fully-diluted earnings per share increased from 3.2p to 3.5p while group turnover expanded to £20.1m (£15.1m).

ATKINS (HOSIERY) (Fin)
Pre-tax: £0.87m (£1.27m)
EPS: 14.90p (21.15p)
Div: 8.4p, mkg 12p (11p)
Turnover £19.3m (£19.8m). Now freed of the electronics business, board believes the performance of the textiles business augurs well.

ROWLINSON SECURITIES
Pre-tax: £2.81m (£3.11m)
EPS: 14.84p (16.94p)
Div: 1.11p, mkg 1.35p
Final results. Last year's total dividend was 1.35p. Turnover fell to £9.54m (£13.4m). Company said low gearing helped its performance.

ACATOS & HUTCHESON
Pre-tax: £3.01m (£1.09m)
EPS: 5.0p (2.0p)
Div: 1.75p (3.5p)
Interim results. Turnover £140.9m (£134.2m). Interim dividend cut because of difficult conditions and current trading.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

ABI Leisure (125p)	130	
ADG Group (14p)	17	
Abtrust New Euro (100p)	101	+1
Argos Plc	229	-2
Beta Global Emerg (100p)	93	
Bioplan Hldgs	23	
Buckingham Nw	84	-1
Cahill May Nw (55p)	58	
Castle Cairn (50p)	48	
Courtaulds Textiles	262	-3
Dakota Gp Nw	37	
Dartmoor Inv Tst (100p)	88	
EFM Java Tst	49	+1
F&C German	127	+2
First Ireland (100p)	91	+1
Fleming Euro IT	98	
French Prop Tst	99	
German IT	92	
Henderson Highland (100p)	101	
Invergordon	145	+1
Malaysia Capital	£8⅝	-⅛
Mrtn Currie Euro (100p)	111	
Midland Radio	136	-1
Nthn Investors	201	
Proteus Intl	92	
QS Hldgs (100p)	131	+1
Siam Select (100p)	102	
Torday & Carlisle (155p)	168	
Utd Uniform	126	
Venturi Inv Tst	11	
Wig Tpe App	211½	-2

See main listing for Water shares

RIGHTS ISSUES

Ald Lels N/P	1½	
Anglo Sec Homes N/P	1¼	
Bowater N/P	100	-4
CRT N/P	19½	+2½
Casket N/P	¾	-¼
Ex-Lands N/P	3	
Jupiter N/P		
Jury Hotel N/P	25	
Laporte N/P	108	
Morgan Cr N/P	39	
Petrocon N/P	6	+1

(Issue price in brackets).

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WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	753.3	-0.5	-10.7	0.2	-5.3	0.2	-7.0
(free)	143.8	-0.5	-10.8	0.1	-5.4	0.2	-7.2
EAFE	1315.1	-0.5	-15.8	0.0	-9.9	0.2	-12.1
(free)	134.9	-0.5	-15.9	-0.1	-10.2	0.2	-12.4
Europe	755.8	-0.1	-0.7	0.2	1.0	0.5	3.4
(free)	162.3	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1	0.7	0.5	3.4
Nth America	533.7	-0.6	-0.8	0.1	3.4	0.1	3.3
Nordic	1600.9	0.3	2.9	1.1	5.6	0.9	7.1
(free)	254.1	0.3	8.0	1.2	10.8	1.0	12.5
Pacific	3014.2	-0.7	-24.0	-0.1	-16.3	0.0	-20.9
Far East	4372.2	-0.7	-24.4	-0.1	-16.7	0.0	-21.3
Australia	305.3	-0.3	-12.1	0.3	-5.8	0.4	-8.5
Austria	1800.2	0.4	21.1	1.4	26.5	1.1	26.1
Belgium	909.7	0.4	-7.6	0.7	-5.6	1.1	-3.8
Canada	520.1	-0.8	-13.4	-0.3	-8.4	-0.1	-9.8
Denmark	1340.3	-0.8	1.8	0.0	4.1	-0.2	8.0
Finland	99.0	-1.0	-14.2	0.0	-12.2	-0.3	-10.6
(free)	140.5	-0.7	-5.7	0.3	-3.5	0.0	-1.8
France	802.2	-1.4	-0.8	-1.0	2.2	-0.7	3.3
Germany	926.9	1.0	1.0	1.4	5.4	1.7	5.2
Hong Kong	2399.0	-0.3	8.1	0.3	12.3	0.3	12.6
Italy	393.8	-0.6	2.2	-0.2	4.7	0.1	6.4
Japan	4602.0	-0.7	-25.4	-0.2	-17.5	-0.1	-22.3
Netherlands	679.9	-0.5	-6.9	-0.1	-3.1	0.2	-3.1
New Zealand	89.0	0.2	-13.7	0.6	-7.4	0.8	-10.1
Norway	1583.3	-1.1	16.5	-0.2	19.8	-0.4	21.3
(free)	272.1	-1.1	16.5	-0.2	19.8	-0.5	21.3
Sing/Malay	1997.0	-0.5	0.1	0.1	1.5	0.2	4.3
Spain	220.0	-0.1	-7.1	0.2	-7.3	0.6	-3.2
Sweden	1814.2	1.2	3.4	2.1	6.4	1.9	7.7
(free)	269.6	2.1	11.3	3.0	14.5	2.8	16.0
Switzerland	971.0	0.0	6.2	0.5	1.2	0.7	10.6
(free)	147.0	0.1	5.3	0.5	2.4	0.7	9.7
UK	706.2	-0.2	-2.0	-0.2	-2.0	0.5	2.0
USA	484.7	-0.6	0.3	0.1	4.5	0.1	4.5

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings June 5 · Last Dealings June 15 · Last Declaration September 6 · For Settlement September 17
Call options were taken out on: 5/6/90 Aviva Pet, Babcock Intl, British Gas, First Australian Res, Hazlewood Foods, Ivernia, Monument Oil & Gas, Sears Holdings, Olver Res, Waterford Glass, Western Mining.
Put: Isopad.
Put & Call: Argos.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	797	CU	756	Lloyds	5,315	Sears	4,690
Abbey Nat	5,146	Cookson	1,461	Lloyds Abb	2,122	Sedgwick	1,214
Alld-Lyons	5,178	Courtaulds	1,420	Lonrho	1,242	Shell	2,503
Amstrad	5,250	Dalgety	580	Lucas	501	Slebe	428
ASDA	5,174	Dixons	3,946	Manpower	1,606	Slough	3,991
AB Foods	686	ECC	366	M&S	2,515	Smith & N	3,553
Argyll	7,694	Enterprise	881	Maxwell Cm	330	SK Beech	1,429
BAA	1,919	Ferranti	658	MB Group	465	Do Uts	25
BET	1,359	Fisons	1,507	Meoo	2,594	Smith WH	1,575
BTR	2,418	FKI	4,447	MEPC	3,366	Smiths Ind	627
BAT	4,293	Gen Acc	554	Midland	3,722	STC	1,185
Barclays	3,149	GEC	9,922	Nat West	3,035	Stan Chart	274
Bass	1,847	Glaxo	4,407	Next	1,925	Storehse	4,559
Beazer	3,147	Globe Inv	850	Nth Food	626	Sun Allnce	805
Berisford Intl	70	Glynwed	1,086	P&O	2,393	Sun Life	249
BICC	804	Granada	157	Pearson	602	T & N	1,275
Blue Circle	2,245	Grand Met	3,592	Pilkington	1,055	TI Group	787
BOC	1,115	GUS 'A'	347	Polly Peck	3,121	Tarmac	3,358
Boots	8,130	GRE	3,020	Prudential	11,301	Tate & Lyle	1,563
BPB	1,411	GKN	1,616	Racal	4,304	Taylor Wd	1,005
Br Aero	527	Guinness	2,662	Racal Tele	639	TSB	5,028
Br Airways	2,669	Hamm 'A'	966	RK Holt	1,371	Tesco	6,963
Br Comm	n/a	Hanson	5,353	Rank	1,912	Thames Wtr	1,690
Br Gas	10,893	Do Wts	796	R&C	111	Thorn EMI	734
Br Land	1,361	H & C	323	Redland	1,802	Trafalgar	2,151
Br Petrol	7,911	Hawker	619	Reed	1,794	THF	1,366
Br Steel	5,301	Hillsdown	2,572	Reuters	1,036	Ultramar	1,873
Br Telecom	19,682	IMI	1,087	RMC Gp	205	Unigate	368
Burtal	231	ICI	978	RTZ	2,544	Unilever	1,263
Burmah	663	Inchcape	286	R-Royce	18,687	Unitd Bis	2,204
Burton	3,947	Kingfisher	4,117	Rothmn 'B'	503	Utd News	380
C&W	4,311	Lasmo	1,357	Royal Bank	1,042	Wellcome	1,538
Cadbury	1,737	Ladbroke	1,969	Royal Ins	1,633	Whitbrd	3,006
Calor	187	Land Sec	6,276	Saatchi	1,372	Williams	681
Carlton	1,654	Laporte	186	Sainsbury	3,405	Willis Fab	4,336
Coats	676	L&G	2,987	Scot & N	823	Wimpey G	1,003

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Guinness .... 786p (+9p)
Allied Lyons .... 520p (+16p)
Tilbury Group .... 573p (+9p)
Radiant Metal .... 145p (+12p)
Whitbread 'A' .... 445½p (+9p)
Midland .... 310p (+10p)
Nat West .... 368p (+8p)
Britannic .... 659½p (+12p)
Unilever .... 706½p (+9p)
Stanley Leisure .... 212p (+13p)

FALLS:
Gibbs & Dandy .... 140p (-10p)
Marshalls .... 120p (-9p)
SA Breweries .... 625p (-10p)
Tomkins .... 287½p (-14p)
Willis Faber .... 250p (-15p)
Carlton Comm .... 551p (-9p)
Williams Holdings .... 280p (-8p)
Closing prices

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2933.74 (-1.45)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 32921.62 (-3.75)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3159.06 (+5.84)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 121.0 (-0.1)
Paris: CAC .... 557.41 (-2.58)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 661.0 (+2.0)
London:
FT.-A All-Share .... 1168.79 (-0.68)
FT.-"500" .... 1279.49 (-0.91)
FT. Gold Mines .... 198.6 (-3.8)
FT. Fixed interest .... 87.74 (+0.06)
FT. Govt Secs .... 79.19 (+0.01)
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W1

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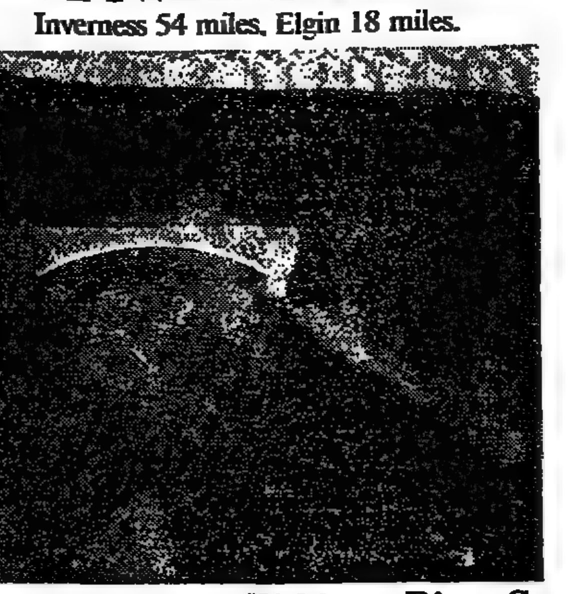

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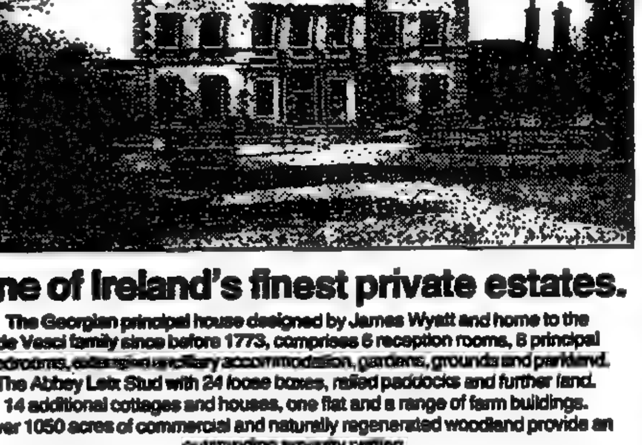

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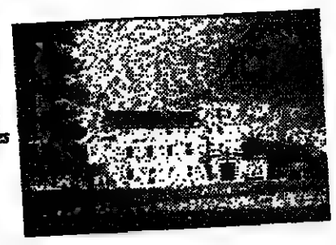

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By Christopher Warman

Building up another set of problems

The developer, the architect and the agent may be satisfied with the commercial property they have brought to the market, but often the final link in the chain — the occupier — is not fully content, according to a survey carried out by the agents Vail Williams.

In the survey, 58 companies housed in modern business space were interviewed, and after seeing the results, John Vail, joint senior partner, concludes: "We believe it provides some fascinating, embarrassing, detailed, controversial, yet valuable insights to which we must respond if we are to service effectively this ever more sophisticated market place."

Vail Williams believes that its report, *The Occupier's View — Business Space in the '90s*, is the first in-depth, post-occupancy evaluation of its kind. If so, the occupants have given freely of their opinions.

Most occupiers were satisfied with the external appearance of their buildings and the landscaping, "although the glass boxes so beloved for so long are less favoured today than the traditional brick and pitched-roof construction".

Most of the concerns covered the interior of the buildings and their practicality, and as one firm put it: "The primary interest seems to be aesthetic rather than practicality. It is no good if it looks nice and doesn't work."

Companies are often unhappy with their shiny new premises

Another comment about architects highlights the need for contact once the building is occupied. "They never come back to learn either what is good or bad."

Architects are criticized, too, for not listening to the tenant and making little effort to understand how offices function. Neither do developers escape criticism. One interviewee described them as "ostriches with their heads firmly buried in the sand", reluctant to enter a dialogue with occupiers. Agents were also criticized, particularly for their lack of knowledge of the buildings they were marketing.

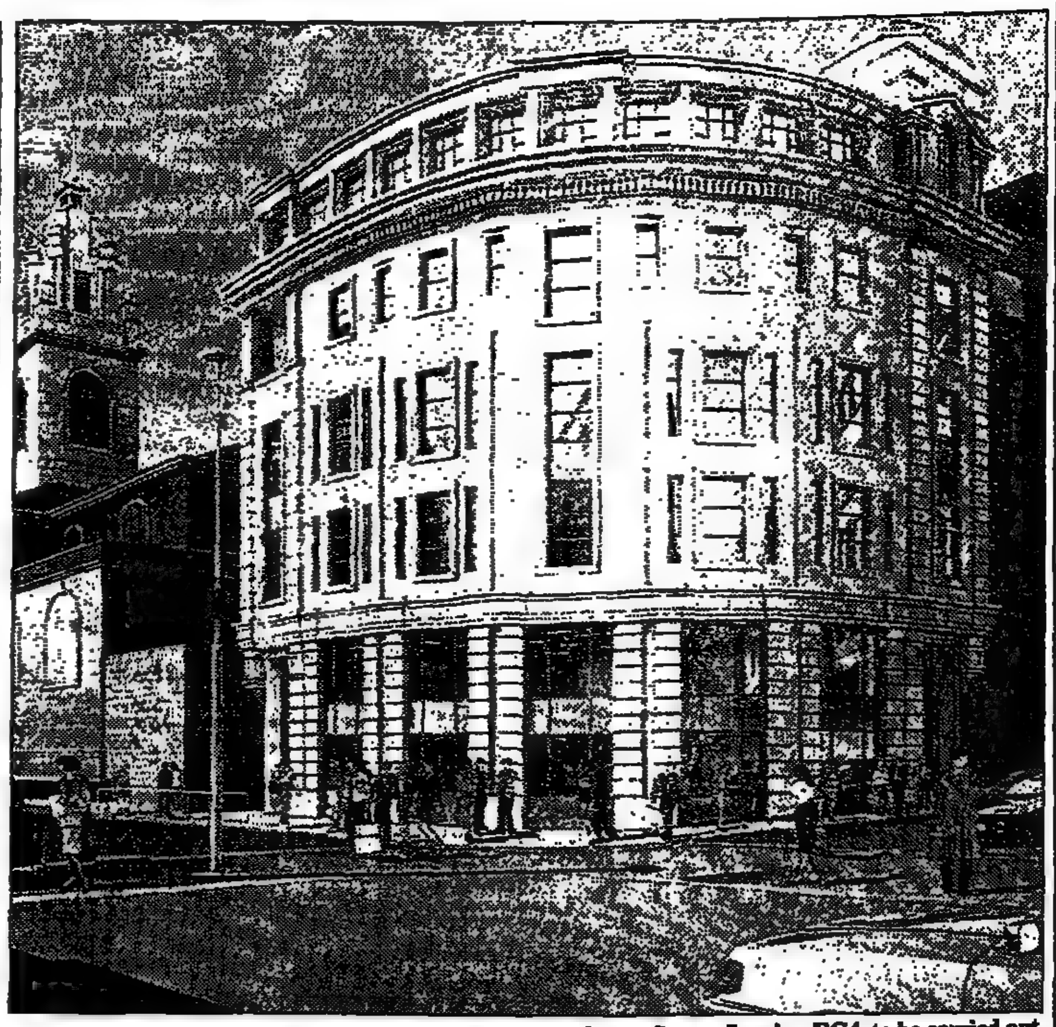
In design, tenants were most dissatisfied with cleaning and maintenance and building services, some of which were minor matters but a great source of irritation.

Examining the complaints, Vail Williams makes three recommendations to try to ensure that the mistakes of the 1980s are not repeated. The main one is that buildings larger than 25,000 sq ft should be left to a shell-and-core finish. The practice of providing fully fitted buildings, seen to be a marketing necessity, leads the eventual occupier to carry out an expensive refitting or to settle for a compromise. Of the interviewees, 79 per cent preferred shell and core buildings.

A comprehensive check list covering the minutiae of design features should be compiled by the development team, Vail Williams says, and rigorously followed, and the measurement of buildings should be standard. Many companies looking for premises do not understand the difference between gross and net internal space, the report states. It recommends that the industry adopts gross internal figures for all business space buildings and that net internal figures should be quoted purely for comparative reasons.

The report concludes that occupiers would welcome the opportunity to explain their needs, particularly the way in which they use their space, yet the development industry to date "just does not seem to have taken any real interest, with one or two rare and notable exceptions".

Nick Wakeley, head of research at Vail Williams, says: "Without a feedback loop from customer to supplier, errors and oversights will simply recur from one generation of buildings to another. The needs of the occupier are paramount and they are not being satisfied. Only through a post-occupancy evaluation of buildings can we develop a clearer understanding of what they want."



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IN THE MARKET

More offices on the water

■ Broadwell Land's 17-acre mixed development at Plantation Wharf on the south bank of the Thames at Battersea, London SW11, has received planning permission from Wandsworth Borough Council for phase four of the six-phase development. It will contain 168,000 sq ft of offices, with a leisure centre that includes a swimming pool and gymnasium.

The offices will be in a 12-storey tower surrounded by three blocks of four storeys arranged around two piazzas. Plantation Wharf, with a proposed total of 1.6 million sq ft of offices, residential and leisure facilities, and a half-mile river frontage, is said to be the largest mixed development scheme in Britain outside London Dockland.

■ Telford Development Corporation has sold its freehold interest in the Telford Shopping Centre to the Universities Superannuation Scheme Limited (USS) for more than £100 million. The 700,000 sq ft single level shopping mall with two office/retail buildings forms the core of Telford Town Centre, an area of about 50 acres. USS, which has permission to redevelop a vacant 55,000 sq ft store, is to start a refurbishment programme for the centre.

■ Plans for a £50 million Leeds city centre riverside office and leisure complex have been granted planning permission by Leeds Development Corporation, after amendments to the original proposals. The scheme, Crown Point Wharf, which aims to regenerate 4.1 acres on the south bank of the River Aire and to provide 250,000 sq ft of offices, has been prepared for a consortium of landowners — Leeds City Development Company, Burns Dakin, John Hunt & Sons Ltd and LGH Storage. The joint agents are Houlstons and Elliott Son & Boynton.

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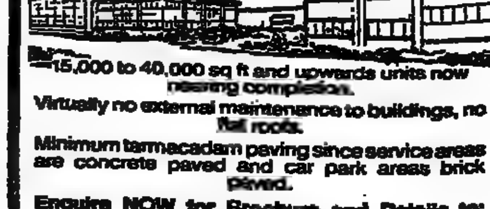

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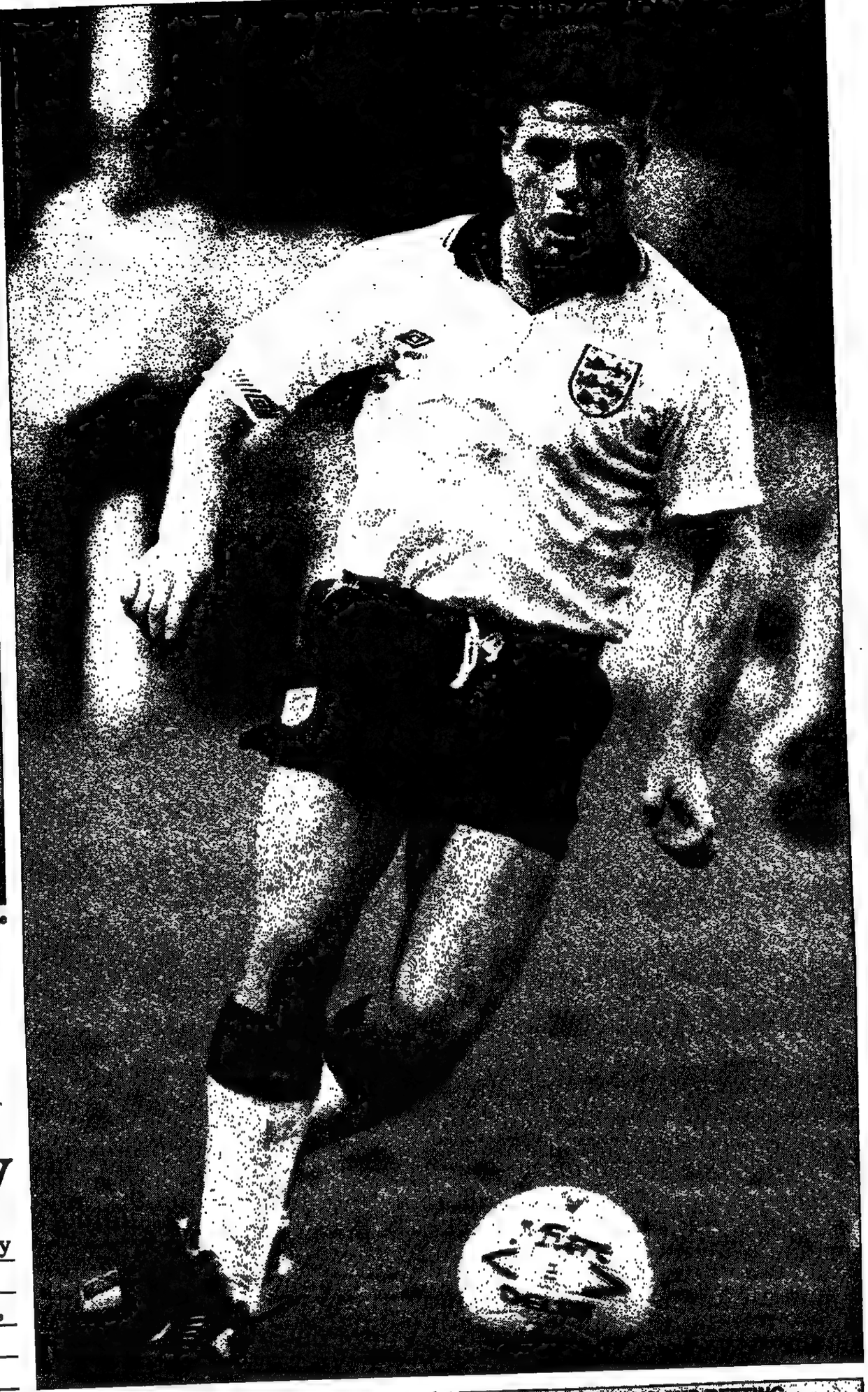

National figures: Maurice Johnston (above), of Scotland, and Paul Gascoigne, of England, will carry the hopes of their respective countries when the World Cup finals get under way in Italy

Storm clouds gather above the road to glory

The fourteenth World Cup finals begin in Milan on Friday evening. England, Scotland, and the Republic of Ireland will all take part in the competition, which lasts a month, but the prospect gives David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, cause for alarm rather than optimism

João Havelange, the President of FIFA, this week sits proudly at the wheel of a juggernaut that is partly his own design: a massive World Cup final tournament of 24 teams, inflated by Havelange from 16 for the convenience of political vanities rather than for sport, and now in danger of lurching out of control in front of an audience approaching 30 billion.

Havelange has promised there will be absolute discipline from referees during the next month. By next Sunday, when we will have seen Argentina, Italy, Brazil, Romania and Yugoslavia, we shall already have some idea whether he can keep his promise.

We long to witness the lofty techniques of The Netherlands, the European champions, of a new, more calculating Brazil, of the multi-national Yugoslavs and the cup-holders Argentina; to see whether Italy, under the burden of every host nation's domestic expectation, will reveal their calm or their hysterical face. What we may all too probably be obliged to witness is disorder.

Whether this will occur in and around the stadiums of Italy, among frenzied local and visiting spectators, is something way beyond Havelange's influence. We are accustomed to the character and good name of football being at risk in the World Cup; that has been so for the past six or seven competitions, going back to Chile in 1962. What is now at stake is the existence of the competition itself: whether football, with its massive emotional overload of commercialism and nationalism, is creating something which society as a whole, never mind mere sports officials, can no longer contain.

Will we be reflecting, in 4½ weeks, on the sporting triumphs and disasters of a great event, or suggesting that the whole gargantuan structure should be dismantled and discontinued. Havelange, an unchallenged ruler within his own enclosed domain of international football, is right to recognise, belatedly, that control of emotion and the proper application of the laws of the game have become critical to its continuing broader public acceptance.

For too long, FIFA has done too little about gross excesses on the pitch. Nobby Stiles, the bullying Russians and the sly Argentinians set a trend in 1966 that has moved progressively downhill, the beauty of fine teams such as Brazil, Netherlands and France being sufficient to override our dismay at other disfigurements. Argentian's gamesmanship in the 1978 final was wanton and calculated, that of Italy and West Germany in the 1982 final even worse. FIFA, meanwhile, dozed in the commercial sun.

Now, driven by the influence behind the scenes of Sepp Blatter, the general secretary, Havelange is responding to necessity with proposed strictures on refereeing attitudes. Whether the *carabinieri*, with the assistance in Sardinia of British police intelligence and Foreign Office rhetoric, will diffuse the ticking time-bombs of hooliganism that are rolling on a tide towards Italy, remains to be seen.

If they do not, then there must be further strong possibility of fatalities during the next month, a further blight upon the name of the game and possibly upon England, with the sending home of our national team. Such things should be acknowledged as possible now rather than viewed yet again with mock horror and surprise should they happen.

Let us for the moment suppose the *carabinieri*, and the referees, can cope, and talk about the football. About England. We should talk about them at the start, for on present form they are not likely to be there for long. There is no satisfaction in being wholly unsurprised, as I was, by the performance against Tunisia, for it had been apparent for a long time, to anyone with knowledge of levels of overseas performances, that England had at best an average team. Bobby Robson has in the past year spent too much time involved in public relations hyperbole on behalf of his team, instead of finding a coherent formula which might eliminate mistakes.

I find it laughable that Robson, in defence of Butcher's childish shirt-throwing, when substituted in Tunisia, said that Butcher has his (Robson's) love of country: a comment that lacks impact coming a week after the confirmation that Robson is quitting England to work for better money in The Netherlands.

There are three reasons why you play your heart out for a manager (though, of course, you may do so irrespective of who is in charge): out of fear, emotional loyalty, or professional respect. Having abandoned the one virtue in his favour, dignity, Robson enters the World Cup commanding none of these three.

England, all too predictably after the endless oscillation and time-wasting experiments of the past half-dozen or more matches, approach the finals next Monday against Eire with a mirror image of their tactical dilemma in Mexico four years ago:

Do they play two mobile strikers (Lineker and Beardsley both times) or stick in a big strong Football League clone (then Hateley, now Bull) who might frighten the timid? Or, for novelty, do they use Barnes, a winger still short on maturity, as a roving forward in support of but not co-ordinated with Lineker?

Do they use a play-maker (then Hoddle, now Gascoigne), and if so do they support him with one winger (then Waddle, now Waddle or Barnes), two wingers (both of them), or none (then Steven and Hodge, now either of them plus McMahon)? Is Webb fit enough to be considered? Indeed, is Robson, the captain?

And what about the most pressing problem of all, the collapse of a supposedly sure defence, with Shilton suspect, Stevens and Butcher as vulnerable as in the european finals, Pearce's tackling a liability?

If all this looks confusing in print, just think what it must be like in the dressing-room and out there on the pitch, with a manager on the touchline who transparently isn't sure in his own mind, and anyway has a taxi waiting for him the moment the tired old bus finally runs out of fuel.

England have not looked in a worse state since Revie made his bizarre six team changes for the qualifying tie in Rome in 1977, lost 2-0, and decided life would be quieter and commercially more cushioned in the Gulf. Frankly, England now look beyond rescue as serious contenders. I can see them drawing against Eire, losing to Netherlands, then needing to win their third match with Egypt, drawing or even losing.

That is not pessimism but, from where I sit after almost 40 years looking at the professional game, simple realism.

The group of 24 finalists contains, in my opinion, two possibly exceptional sides (Netherlands and Brazil), six strong sides (Italy, West Germany, Argentina, Uruguay, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia), seven average teams (Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Eire, Romania, Spain, Sweden) five below average (Cameroon, Columbia, Egypt, Korea, Scotland) and three probable weak teams (Costa Rica, the Emirates and the United States). England, even with a no more than average team, properly organised, should therefore have had an outside chance, given eliminations elsewhere in the draw, of reaching the semi-final. That they have, on the face of it, no hope at all is, at the least, regrettable and at worst unprofessional. It would be a pleasure to be proved wrong.

The key to any team sport is producing a performance greater than the sum of the parts. This Jack Charlton has done, though the pressure on the Republic of Ireland is zero compared to than on England and Robson. It would be no surprise for the Irish to finish second to Netherlands, ahead of England. Third is the best prospect for Scotland in their group with Brazil, Sweden and Costa Rica; though I see no advantage in beginning against Costa Rica, whose confidence and optimism will be running at its highest.

Scotland have little going for them, with poor results and a pool substantially weaker than England's giving little hope of progress beyond the first round.

As quarter-finalists I would take the eight teams from my first categories of excellent and strong, with Spain and Austria as the other contenders. Although Brazil, with talented teams, have failed to reached the last two semi-final stages, they are taking measures with defensive organisation to overcome this, and we saw at Wembley that they still have an abundance of natural skill.

With Gullit seemingly fit in Milan's European Cup final victory, Netherlands must start favourites. Much will depend, as ever, on how much they care. An odd lot, the Dutch. Will Leo Beenhakker get them to work, and can they last a month? Mental endurance has become an important factor, which is why West Germany can never be ruled out. Italy's weakest mental phase, as always, will be the first round though they have a soft group.

Argentina depend so much on Maradona, who allegedly is fit and hungry for action. The greatest player of his generation, superior to Gullit or the Brazilians, he can inspire the Argentinians to reach the semi-final.

Mainly on sentiment, I take Brazil to defeat Netherlands in the final. Football, as Danny Blanchflower used to say, is primarily about glory, and the game needs Brazil to be setting a standard once more.

PREDICTIONS AND BETTING

The Times experts make their predictions for the World Cup

David Miller (Chief Sports Correspondent).
1 Brazil
2 The Netherlands
3 Italy
4 Argentina

Clive White (who will be covering Ireland's matches)
1 The Netherlands
2 West Germany
3 Italy
4 Brazil

Stuart Jones (Football Correspondent).
1 Brazil
2 The Netherlands
3 West Germany
4 Italy

Roddy Forsyth (who will be covering Scotland's matches).
1 West Germany
2 Italy
3 The Netherlands
4 Brazil

Corals' odds against the winning team in the World Cup: 3 Italy. 7-2 The Netherlands. 4 Brazil. 6 West Germany. 10 England. 11 Argentina. 16 Spain. 18 Soviet Union. 33 Yugoslavia, Uruguay. 40 Czechoslovakia, Republic of Ireland. 50 Belgium, Romania, Sweden. 66 Scotland. 80 Austria, Colombia. 300 South Korea. 500 Cameroon. 1000 Costa Rica, Egypt. 1500 United Arab Emirates. 2000 United States.
Odds on leading goalscorers: 6 **Marco van Basten** (The Netherlands), **Careca** (Brazil). 8 **Gianluca Vialli** (Italy). 10 **Gary Lineker** (England), **Diego Maradona** (Argentina), **Muller** (Brazil), **Romario** (Brazil). 12: **Ruud Gullit** (The Netherlands), **Jurgen Klinsmann** (West Germany). 14 **Bebeto** (Brazil). 16 **Roberto Baggio** (Italy). 20 **Rudi Völler** (West Germany), **Andrea Carnevale** (Italy), **Claudio Caniggia** (Argentina).

THE TEAMS FOR TELEVISION

BETWEEN them, ITV and the BBC are estimated to be spending £12 million on coverage of this World Cup, and Eurosport another £2 million. But perhaps the biggest irony is that, while for the first time we will have satellite on offer in our sitting rooms, both ITV and the BBC, who boast of being "the terrestrial channels" will be using . . . satellites.

All three are taking the Italian TV service, and are topping up with their own camera units, bouncing interviews from the ground — and anything that blows up at training centres and hotels of the three home teams — back to these shores. Both the BBC and ITV are using portable satellite dishes, which will enable them to file 24 hours a day for the whole month.

Not one of the 526 footballers gathered in Italy will greet the opening whistle with a bigger sigh of relief that Brian Moore, not because the ITV commentator is apprehensive, merely that he cannot wait for the action to begin. "I am almost beside myself with excitement," he said.

Backing him in Italy will be Alan Parry, Gerry Harrison and John Helm, while the reporting team includes Gary Newbon, Jim Rosenthal and Tony Francis. The England manager-elect, Graham Taylor, leads the opinion and comments team, with a supporting cast of Jimmy Greaves, Ian St John, Ron Atkinson, Emlyn Hughes, Rodney Marsh, Trevor Francis and Billy t'-Neil. Presenters are Nick Owen and Elton Welsby.

Desmond Lynam heads the BBC line-up, backed up by Jimmy Hill and Bob Wilson. Their commentary team comprises John Motson, Tony Gubba, Barry Davies and Gerald Sinstadt, with David Davies in the England camp, Archie McPherson with the Scots, and Jim Nielly alongside Jack Charlton and Eire. Their team of analysts consists of Bobby Charlton, Trevor Brooking, Liam Brady, Kenny Dalglish, Ray Wilkins and Terry Venables.

Eurosport intend to cover "every second of all 52 games", complementing their live coverage with mammoth highlights every day. Their team in Italy is led by Lawrie McMenemy, David Pleat and Gerry Francis.

WORLD CUP

Graham Taylor will be commenting for *The Times* throughout the World Cup. Here he examines the skills of six players to watch

John Barnes (England). One of Barnes's great skills is in getting in a cross when in a tight situation. Ninety-nine players out of a hundred would have their cross blocked by the defender, but Barnes still gets his in. How? By achieving very early lift on his cross. If the defender is a yard away, the ball will go past him at thigh or even waist height, so it's much more difficult to intercept. It's much the same with free kicks. I can't remember Barnes ever putting the ball into the wall: he can lift the ball over the wall, and make it dip the ball once it's over. Barnes does it instinctively. It's the mark of a great player to be able to do things other players can't — and this is a skill which can't be taught; in fact, Barnes himself probably couldn't tell you how he does it.

Franco Baresi (Italy). He is a fine striker of long passes, and he is noted, too, for his surges from the back. His club, AC Milan, don't play the usual Italian way, but even in their back four, Baresi is usually a free man; for Italy, he will probably play as sweeper. For Milan, he hits a lot of 30 and 40-yard passes off his right foot up to Marco van Basten — eight or nine a game — and it's very unusual for an Italian defender to play the ball from back to front like that. His great pace and good control mark his advances from defence, and they raise the tempo of the game. He is a very important part of Milan's armoury. But will he be allowed to do the same things for Italy, or will he be crabbed and confined into a much more defensive role?

Ronnie Whelan (Republic of Ireland). He rarely has more than two or three touches at a time. He has good control, but, more importantly, he knows what he is going to do when he gets the ball. That's because he plays with his head up. As young players, we were always told: "Keep your eye on the ball", but in fact you must take your eyes off the ball and look around so you know what is going on. Whelan exemplifies that, and he also has enough ability to adapt if he sees his original intention isn't on; even then, he has the ability to change direction with a minimum of touches. He has a very sharp mind. The archetypal Liverpool method — "Get it, give it, move" — is very simple, but it's very difficult to do because a lot of players' minds aren't sharp enough. Whelan's is.

Maurice Johnston (Scotland). Watch how Johnston spins away as soon as he has laid off the ball to a support player, looking to get in behind or between defenders, particularly in the penalty box. Johnston is never still, he's always moving. The ability to do that is the hallmark of the top-class forward. If possible, try to see where he is, even when the ball doesn't come to him: what forwards do when the ball doesn't come to them can unsettle a defence. Scotland would have sorely missed Johnston had he failed to recover from a strained stomach muscle, but they have in Ally McCoist another player who has the ability to lay off the ball and then spin away and confuse defenders. In fact, Johnston and McCoist work together in this way for Rangers.

Jurgen Klinsmann (West Germany). His great talents are direct running with pace and power. In the 1988 European championship, he stood out by the way he attacked defenders by running straight at them — he's a big lad, which helps — and veering only at the last minute. If you go one side or the other of a defender too early, you telegraph your intentions and play into his hands, because a top-class defender will just shepherd you in that direction. Even the best defenders don't like having to make last-minute adjustments. Since 1988 Klinsmann has had a year in Italy — has he lost this ability? He was always an erratic finisher, and his composure may have improved, but possibly at the cost of some of his eager, direct running. It will be interesting to find out.

Rene Higuita (Colombia). He's the player to bring a smile to our faces. The World Cup is serious business, but if football ever completely loses its ability to smile, and to make people smile, what's the point? He is rather like Bruce Grobbelaar — a very fine goalkeeper, and one who brings a smile to my lips when I watch him. Higuita will spend more time out of his penalty area than any other goalkeeper in the World Cup. He is also quite capable of dribbling past an attacker, even in his own penalty area, when he could handle the ball. I well remember the sole-of-the boot skill he showed to confound Peter Beardsley in the England versus Colombia match last year. He used to play in midfield for his club side, and he is the national team's penalty-taker.

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Austria

1, Klaus Lindenberger (FC Swarovski Tirol, goalkeeper); 2, Ernst Aigner (Austria Wien); 3, Robert Pecl (Rapid Wien); 4, Anton Pfeffer (Austria Wien); 5, Peter Schoettel (Rapid Wien); 6, Manfred Zsak (Austria Wien); 7, Kurt Russ (Vienna FC); 8, Peter Artner (Admira Wacker); 9, Anton Polster (Seville, Sp); 10, Manfred Linzmaier (FC Swarovski Tirol); 11, Alfred Hoertnagl (FC Swarovski Tirol); 12, Michael Baur (FC Swarovski Tirol); 13, Andreas Ogris (Austria Wien); 14, Gerhard Rodax (Admira Wacker); 15, Christian Keglevits (Rapid Wien); 16, Andreas Reisinger (Rapid Wien); 17, Heinz Pfaffenbenger (Rapid Wien); 18, Michael Streiter (FC Swarovski Tirol); 19, Gerald Glatzmayer (Vienna FC); 20, Andreas Herzog (Rapid Wien); 21, Michael Konsel (Rapid Wien, goalkeeper); 22, Otto Konrad (Sturm Graz, goalkeeper). Coach: Josef Hickersberger.

United States

1, Tony Meola (Kearny, goalkeeper); 2, Steve Trittschuh (Granite City); 3, John Doyle (Fremont); 4, Jimmy Banks (Milwaukee); 5, Michael Windischmann (Glendale); 6, John Harkes (Kearny); 7, Tab Ramos (Hillside); 8, Brian Bliss (Rochester); 9, Chris Sullivan (Redwood City); 10, Peter Vermes (Delran); 11, Eric Wynalda (Westlake); 12, Paul Krumpe (Redondo Beach); 13, Eric Eichmann (Margate); 14, John Stollmeyer (Annandale); 15, Desmond Armstrong (Washington); 16, Bruce Murray (Germantown); 17, Marcelo Balboa (Carrizos); 18, Kasey Keller (Lacey, goalkeeper); 19, Chris Henderson (Everett); 20, Paul Caligiuri (Diamond Bar); 21, Neil Covone (Hialeah); 22, David Vanole (Manhattan Beach, goalkeeper). Coach: Robert Gansler.

Czechoslovakia

1, Jan Stejskal (Sparta Prague, goalkeeper); 2, Julius Bielik (Sparta Prague); 3, Miroslav Kadlec (TJ Vitkovice); 4, Ivan Hasek (Sparta Prague); 5, Jan Kocian (St Pauli, WG); 6, František Straka (Borussia Mönchengladbach, WG); 7, Michal Bilek (Sparta Prague); 8, Jozef Chovanec (PSV Eindhoven, Neth); 9, Lubos Kubik (Florentina, It); 10, Tomas Skuhravy (Sparta Prague); 11, Lubomir Moravcik (Plastika Nitra); 12, Peter Fieber (Inter Bratislava); 13, Jiri Nemec (Dukla Prague); 14, Vladimir Weiss (Inter Bratislava); 15, Vladimir Kinier (Slovan Bratislava); 16, Viliam Hyravy (Banik Ostrava); 17, Ivo Knoflicek (St Pauli, WG); 18, Milan Luhovy (Sporting Gijón, Sp); 19, Stanislav Griga (Feyenoord); 20, Vaclav Nemecek (Sparta Prague); 21, Ludek Mikloško (West Ham United, Eng, goalkeeper); 22, Peter Palach (Plastika Nitra, goalkeeper). Coach: Jozef Venglos.

GROUP B

Argentina

1, Nery Pumpido (Resi Betis, Sp, goalkeeper); 2, Sergio Batista (River Plate); 3, Abel Balbo (Udinese, It); 4, Jose Basualdo (VFB Stuttgart, WG); 5, Edgardo Bauza (Vera Cruz); 6, Gabriel Calderon (Paris Saint-Germain, Fr); 7, Jorge Burruchaga; (Nantes, Fr); 8, Claudio Caniggia (Atalanta, It); 9, Gustavo Dezotti (Cremonese, It); 10, Diego Maradona (Napoli, It); 11, Nestor Fabbri (Racing Club); 12, Sergio Goycochea (Millonarios, Col, goalkeeper); 13, Nestor Lorenzo (Bari, It); 14, Ricardo Giusti (Independiente); 15, Pedro Monzon (Independiente); 16, Julio Olarticoechea (Racing Club); 17, Roberto Sensini (Udinese, It); 18, Jose Serrizuela (River Plate); 19, Oscar Ruggeri (Real Madrid, Sp); 20, Juan Simon (Boca Juniors); 21, Pedro Troglio (Lazio, It); 22, Fabian Cancelarich (Ferro Carril Oeste, goalkeeper). Coach: Carlos Bilardo.

Cameroon

1, Joseph-Antoine Bell (Bordeaux, Fr, goalkeeper); 2, Andre Kana Biyick (Metz, Fr); 3, Jules Denis Onana (Canon Yaounde); 4, Benjamin Massing (US Creteil); 5, Bertin Ebwelle (Tonnerre Yaounde); 6, Emmanuel Kunde (Canon Yaounde); 7, Francois Omam Biyick (Stade Laval, Fr); 8, Emile Mbouh Mbouh (Le Havre, Fr); 9, Roger Milla; 10, Louis-Paul Mfede (Canon Yaounde); 11, Eugene Ekeke (FC Valenciennes); 12, Alphonse Yombi; 13 Jean-Claude Pagal (La Roche, Fr); 14, Stephen Tataw Tonerre Yaounde); 15, Thomas Libih (Tonerre Yaounde); 16, Thomas N'Ikono (Español, Sp, goalkeeper); 17, Akem Ndip (Canon Yaounde); 18, Bonaventure Djonkep (Union Douala); 19, Roger Fetumba; 20, Cyrille Makanaky (Toulon, Fr); 21, Kessack Maboang (Canon Yaounde); 22, Jacques Songo'o (Racing Bafousan, goalkeeper). Coach: Valery Nepomniaschy.

Soviet Union

1, Rinat Dasaev (Seville, Sp, goalkeeper); 2, Vladimir Bessonov (Dynamo Kiev); 3, Vagiz Khidiatulin (Toulouse, Fr); 4, Oleg Kuznetsov (Dynamo Kiev); 5, Anatoli Demianenko (Dynamo Kiev); 6, Vasili Rats (Dynamo Kiev); 7, Sergei Aleinikov (Juventus, It); 8, Gennadi Litovchenko (Dynamo Kiev); 9, Alexandr Zavarov (Juventus, It); 10, Oleg Protasov (Dynamo Kiev); 11, Igor Dobrovolski (Dynamo Moscow); 12, Alexandr Borodiuk (Schalke 04, WG); 13, Andrik Tevelba (Dynamo Kiev); 14, Vladimir Liuti (Schalke 04, WG); 15, Ivan Yaremchuk (Dynamo Kiev); 16, Viktor Chanov (Dynamo Kiev, goalkeeper); 17, Andrei Zygmantovich (Dynamo Minsk); 18, Igor Shalimov (Spartak Moscow); 19, Sergei Fokin (CSKA Moscow); 20, Sergei Gorlukovich (Borussia Dortmund, WG); 21, Valeri Broshin (CSKA Moscow); 22, Alexandr Uvarov (Dynamo Moscow, goalkeeper). Coach: Valery Lobanovsky.

Romania

1, Silviu Lung (Steaua Bucharest, goalkeeper); 2, Mircea Rednic (Dynamo Bucharest); 3, Michael Klein (Dynamo Bucharest); 4, Ioan Andone (Dynamo Bucharest); 5, Iosif Rotaru (Steaua Bucharest); 6, Gheorghe Popescu (Universitatea Craiova); 7, Marius Lacatus (Steaua Bucharest); 8, Ioan Sabau (Dynamo Bucharest); 9, Radion Camataru (Charleroi); 10, Gheorghe Hagi (Steaua Bucharest); 11, Danut Lupu (Dynamo Bucharest); 12, Bogdan Stelea (Dynamo Bucharest, goalkeeper); 13, Andrian Popescu (Universitatea Craiova); 14, Florin Raducioiu (Dynamo Bucharest); 15, Dorin Mateut (Dynamo Bucharest); 16, Daniel Timofte (Dynamo Bucharest); 17, Ilie Dumitrascu (Steaua Bucharest); 18, Gavril Balint (Steaua Bucharest); 19, Emil Sandoi (Universitatea Craiova); 20, Zsolt Musznay (Steaua Bucharest); 21, Ion Lupescu (Dynamo Bucharest); 22, Gheorghe Lilac (Petrolul Ploesti, goalkeeper). Coach: Ionel Emeric.

GROUP C

Brazil

1, Claudio Taffarel (Inter Porto Alegre); 2, Jorginho (Bayer Leverkusen, WG); 3, Ricardo Gomez (Benfica, Por); 4, Dunga (Fiorentina, It); 5, Alemao (Napoli, It); 6, Branco (FC Porto, Por); 7, Bismark (Vasco de Gama); 8, Valdo (Benfica, Por); 9, Careca (Napoli, It); 10, Silas (Sporting Lisbon, Por); 11, Romario (PSV Eindhoven, Neth); 12, Acacio (Vasco de Gama, goalkeeper); 13, Jose Mozer (Marseilles, Fr); 14, Aldair (Benfica, Por); 15, Muller (Torino, It); 16, Bebeto (Vasco de Gama); 17, Renato (Flamengo); 18, Mazinho (Vasco de Gama); 19, Ricardo Rocha (São Paolo); 20, Tita (Vasco de Gama); 21, Mauro Galvao (Botafogo); 22, Ze Carlos (Flamengo, goalkeeper). Coach: Sebastiao Lazaroni.

Sweden

1, Sven Andersson (Örgryte IS), goalkeeper); 2, Jan Eriksson (AIK); 3, Glenn Hysen (Liverpool, Eng); 4, Peter Larsson (Ajax, Neth); 5, Roger Ljung (BSC Young Boys, Switz); 6, Roland Nilsson (Sheffield Wednesday, Eng); 7, Niclas Nyhlen-Larsson (Malmö); 8, Stefan Schwarz (Malmö); 9, Leif Engqvist (Malmö); 10, Klas Ingesson (IKF Gothenburg); 11, Ulrik Jansson (Östers IF); 12, Lars Eriksson (IFK Norrköping, goalkeeper); 13, Anders Limpar (Cremonese, It); 14, Joakim Nilsson (Malmö); 15, Glenn Strömberg (Atalanta, It); 16, Jonas Thern (Benfica, Por); 17, Tomas Brolin (IFK Norrköping); 18, Johnny Ekström (Cannes, Fr); 19, Mats Gren (Grasshopper Zürich, Switz); 20, Mats Magnusson (Benfica, Por); 21, Stefan Pettersson (Ajax, Neth); 22, Thomas Ravelli (IFK Gothenburg, goalkeeper). Coach: Olle Nordin.

Costa Rica

1, Gabelo Conejo (San Ramon, goalkeeper); 2, Vladimir Quesada (Deportivo Saprissa); 3, Roger Flores (Deportivo Saprissa); 4, Ronald Gonzalez (Deportivo Saprissa); 5, Marvin Obando (Herediano); 6, Jose Carlos Chaves (Alajuelense); 7, Hernan Medford (Deportivo Saprissa); 8, German Chavarria (Herediano); 9, Alexander Guimares (Deportivo Saprissa); 10, Oscar Ramirez (Alajuelense); 11, Claudio Jara (Herediano); 12, Roger Gomez (Cartago); 13, Miguel Davis (Alajuela); 14, Juan Arnoldo Cayasse (Deportivo Saprissa); 15, Ronald Marin (Herediano); 16, Jose Jaikel (Deportivo Saprissa); 17, Roy Mayers (Limon); 18, Geovani Jara (Herediano); 19, Hector Marchena (Cartagines); 20, Mauricio Montero (Alajuela); 21, Hernidio Barrantes (Puntarenas); 22, Miguel Segura (Deportivo Saprissa). Coach: Bora Milutinovic.

Scotland

1, Jim Leighton (Manchester United, goalkeeper); 2, Alex McLeish (Aberdeen); 3, Roy Aitken (Newcastle United); 4, Richard Gough (Rangers); 5, Paul McStay (Celtic); 6, Maurice Malpas (Dundee United); 7, Maurice Johnston (Rangers); 8, Jim Bett (Aberdeen); 9, Ally McCoist (Rangers); 10, Murdo MacLeod (Borussia Dortmund, WG); 11, Gary Gillespie (Liverpool); 12, Andrew Goram (Hibernian); 13, Gordon Durie (Chelsea); 14, Alan McInally (Bayern Munich, WG); 15, Craig Levein (Hearts); 16, Stuart McCall (Everton); 17, Stewart McKimmie (Aberdeen); 18, John Collins (Hibernian); 19, David McPherson (Hibernian); 20, Gary McAllister (Leicester City); 21, Robert Fleck (Norwich City); 22, Bryan Gunn (Norwich City). Coach: Andy Roxburgh.

GROUP D

West Germany

1, Bodo Illgner (FC Cologne); 2, Stefan Reuter (Bayern Munich); 3, Andreas Brehme (Inter Milan, It); 4, Jurgen Kohler (Bayern Munich); 5, Klaus Augenthaler (Bayern Munich); 6, Guido Buchwald (VFB Stuttgart); 7, Pierre Littbarski (FC Cologne); 8, Thomas Hässler (Juventus, It); 9, Rudi Völler (AS Roma, It); 10, Lothar Matthäus (Inter Milan, It); 11, Frank Mill (Borussia Dortmund); 12, Raimond Aumann (Bayern Munich, goalkeeper); 13, Karl-Heinz Riedle (Lazio, It); 14, Thomas Berthold (AS Roma, It); 15, Uwe Bein (Eintracht Frankfurt); 16, Paul Steiner (FC Cologne); 17, Andreas Möller (Borussia Dortmund); 18, Jurgen Klinsmann (Inter Milan); 19, Hans Pflügler (Bayern Munich); 20, Olaf Thon (Bayern Munich); 21, Günther Hermann (Werder Bremen); 22, Andreas Köpke (FC Nürnberg, goalkeeper). Coach: Franz Beckenbauer.

Yugoslavia

1, Tomislav Ivković (Sporting Lisbon, Por, goalkeeper); 2, Vujadin Stanojković (Partizan Belgrade); 3, Predrag Spasić (Partizan Belgrade); 4, Zoran Vulić (Real Mallorca, Sp); 5, Faruk Hadžibegić

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Fond memories of the stuff of dreams

David Miller, who will be attending his ninth World Cup finals, looks back on some of the great matches of the past 40 years

I am fortunate. When I first began watching the World Cup, back in what we can now see were truly the Glorious Fifties, football was still an adventure. The game was essentially about great players, not managers and tactics. To a schoolboy in England, the heroes of 1950 – Andrade and Schiaffino, of Uruguay, Zizinho and Ademir, of Brazil – were mystic, unseen figures.

In 1954, as a penniless student, I could not afford to spend my summer vacation travelling to Switzerland to see the men who had mesmerised us at Wembley the previous autumn, the magical Hungarians. So I had to browse through the dispatches of Geoffrey Green as he unfolded for us the gallant failure of Matthews, Lofthouse and Finney against Uruguay in the semi-final – betrayed by Merrick in goal – and of West Germany's shock defeat of Hungary in the final, inspired by the brothers Walther, by Rahn and Schaefer on the wings.

Wingers! What wonderful days those were. Wee Ormond for Scotland, Zebec and the incomparable Milutinovic for Yugoslavia, Budai and Czibor of Hungary, Julinho for Brazil, Cappello for Italy. And four years later, now a sub-editor with *The Times*, there I was in Sweden, exploiting the fact that all four British teams had qualified, taking my holiday and being paid a princely six guineas a match to see the stuff of dreams.

Now the carefree, wandering minstrels of Northern Ireland: a touring village band of laughter and irreverence under the guidance of lovely Peter Doherty, inspired by Blanchflower and McIlroy, with Bingham and McParland on the wings, holding the mighty Germans to a draw, beating Czechoslovakia in a play-off, falling to brilliant France with Kopa and the rest, in the quarter-final.

Now the Scots: beginning their catalogue of World Cup accidents against lowly Paraguay. Now the Welsh, with Big John and Cliffy and Ivor, eliminating sad Hungary for a place in the quarter-final. What a carnival it was, what a pleasure for journalists, mixing amiably in the dressing room with players, security something unconsidered, the passion everything, the price an irrelevance.

Just a note of technical caution was to be detected here and there. Bill Nicholson, who was assisting Walter Winterbottom, England's manager, reported that Didi, the Black Pearl, was the mainspring of Brazil; and Slater was detailed to shadow him to such an effect that England were the only opponents against whom the eventual winners of the trophy failed to score.

The unveiling of Pele was something yet to happen, against Russia in Brazil's next match. It was a scrappy, half-cock first World Cup goal that Pele scored to put out Wales in the quarter-final, but we would never forget the majesty of the 17-year-old's performance in the final against Sweden when Brazil swept to a 5-2 victory. In the dawn of televised sport, the global reputation of the World Cup was indestructably forged by a nation who played the game with an idiosyncracy no one would ever surpass.

In Chile, they won again, though with less ecstacy, Pele being injured in the second half and being replaced thereafter by Amarildo. A memorable recovery at Vina Del Mar – formerly colonialist haven of Valtariso – coming from 1-0 against Spain and watched by a crowd of less than 20,000, was one of the finest matches I ever saw. Spain, though without DiStefano – who was injured and never played in a final competition – were in full flood with Puskas and Gento, but an unforgettable performance by Gylmar in goal and two goals by Amarildo set Brazil en route to the final.

I had seen the marvellous Czechoslovakia, built around the Dulka club, survive a momentous qualifying play-off against Scotland in Brussels. In the final, they led by a goal from the dapper Masopust, but the skills of Zito, Didi and Garrincha – destroyer of England in the quarter-final – proved too much. Garrincha was a meteor across football's sky whose only equal, in the opinion of Didi, has been Matthews.

Functionalism was increasingly the formula of the Sixties, as Brazil's 4-2-4 and Hungary's 3-3-4 – almost suicidal by today's defensively neurotic standards – gave way to 4-3-3. Poor old Alf Ramsey. In 1966 he won a World Cup and a knighthood, yet is forever remembered, unfairly, as the manager who abolished wingers. And he had some: Thompson, Connolly, Paine.

But Ramsey wanted what Bobby Robson needs. Reliability. So he fashioned a team, following a goalless opening yawn against Uruguay, with two young men on the flanks, Ball and Peters, who were the most industrious, and intelligent to play for England.

The formation was said to be 4-3-3, but in reality was closer to 4-4-2, with Hurst and Hunt up front and Bobby Charlton playing loose in behind them. Bobby Charlton, my contemporary, my personal hero, who had made the hair on your neck stand up every time he received the ball and began that flowing wild-force-in-the-surf run.

And now England, and Ramsey, progressed gingerly, beating Mexico and France, getting involved in a fracas with Argentina, overthrowing Portugal; and finally, controversially, but in most people's view justifiably, beating West Germany in extra time with the third goal that was no more disputable than the free kick which led to Germany's equaliser at the end of normal time.

That was then, and still seems now, a match almost perfect in its fluctuation, its drama, its sportsmanship, its classic lines. It is sobering to recall, in contemporary context, that when Ray Wilson made the heading misjudgement that gave Haller the opening goal, it was *his first unforced error* in six matches.

There was a view that the best team of 1966, Brazil and Pele being brutally cut down, was Hungary. The tournament was notable for a foul every three minutes, but in 1970 in Mexico, the conditions of heat and altitude reducing the physical challenge, we revelled in one of the unforgettable teams. And again it was Brazil's.

Their early meeting with England was like Ali v Frazier. One punch by Jairzinho decided it, as for an hour in the heat of Guadalajara we clenched our fingers in anxiety and fascination during a dual of almost unrivalled tactical intelligence.

What a giant was Moore; he should have led England on to the final, but fate twisted an impregnable two-goal lead against West Germany in the quarter-final into agonised extra-time defeat, and we were left to bask in Brazil's glory. The command of Carlos Alberto, the subtlety of Gerson and Clodoaldo, the arrogance of Rivelino, the arrowhead of Jairzinho, the gimlets of Tostao ... and Pele. It was a rapturous pinnacle of the beautiful game.

Could such artistry, collective and individual, ever be repeated? The Dutch, for the next two tournaments, were to prove it could, collectively and occasionally individually, yet were to lose both finals. Their combined play in 1974 was indeed superior, in my opinion, to Brazil, reminiscent of Hungary in the Fifties. Nine men would occasionally ride into attack. No angle, no conception was too obtuse for their "total football". Cruyff was as influential as Pele, and when they destroyed Argentina 4-0 in the opening round and Brazil in the semi-final, they seemed unbeatable. But West Germany up-ended them, because the Dutch foolishly took victory for granted after a 90-second opening goal.

In Argentina, they again were the best team, though both Argentina, the winners, and Italy at times played some glorious football. The Dutch were cruelly treated in the final by a malleable Italian referee, and after dominating much of the match were defeated by a side shrewdly constructed by Menotti, cleverly marshalled by Ardiles, and led from the front by Kempes.

The finals of 1982 are largely best forgotten, apart from Northern Ireland's sweet night of triumph over Spain in Valencia. The majority of matches were dull and sterile, and so, for an hour, was the final, a disgraceful exhibition between Italy and West Germany of negative, fouling tactics that was only restored to some sanity when Italy finally went in front and won the match with some style in the last 20 minutes.

Another average England side carried the flag to Mexico in 1986, and was lucky to survive the first round, rescued by the brilliance of Lineker. The tournament was notable for the enterprise and imagination of an Argentine side that was capable in any match of explosive moments built around Maradona that no defence could contain.

The reputation of the tournament, and of the winners, was distorted by a bizarre, historic handled goal by Maradona against England in the quarter-final that was in no way representative of the football that overpowered West Germany in the final. Once Brazil, failing to fulfil their potential for the second successive tournament, had fallen to France in a wonderful quarter-final on penalties at the end of 120 breathless minutes, Argentina were clearly the best and there was no cause to begrudge them.

Birth of a legend: Pele, right, aged 17, scores one of his two goals in the 1958 World Cup final. The competition's global reputation was indestructibly forged

six groups who will contest the finals

(Sochaux, Fr); 6, Devor Jozić (Cesena, It); 7, Dragoljub Brnović (Metz, Bel); 8, Safet Susić (Paris Saint-Germain, Fr); 9, Darko Pancev (Red Star Belgrade); 10, Dragan Stojković (Marseilles, Fr); 11, Zlatko Vujović (Paris Saint-Germain, Fr); 12, Fahrudin Omerović (Partizan Belgrade, goalkeeper); 13, Srecko Katanec (Sampdoria, It); 14, Alen Boksic (Hadjuk Split); 15, Robert Prosinecki (Red Star Belgrade); 16, Refik Sabanadzović (Red Star Belgrade); 17, Robert Jarni (Hadjuk Split); 18, Mirsad Bajić (FC Sion, Switz); 19, Dejean Savičević (Red Star Belgrade); 20, Davor Suker (Dynamo Zagreb); 21, Andrej Panadić (Dynamo Zagreb); 22, Dragole Leković (Buducnost Titograd, goalkeeper). Coach: Ivan Osim.

United Arab Emirates

1, Abdullah Moosa Abdullah (Al Ahly, goalkeeper); 2, Khaleel Ghanim Mubarak (Al Khaleej); 3, Ali Thani Juman (Sharjah); 4, Mubarak Ghanim Mubarak (Al Khaleej); 5, Abdullah Ali Sultan (Al Khaleej); 6, Abdulrahman Mohammed Abdullah (Al Nasr); 7, Fahad Khamees Mubarak (Al Wasl); 8, Khalid Ismail Mubarak (Al Nasr); 9, Abdul Aziz Mohammed (Sharjah); 10, Adnan Khamees Al Talyani (Al Shaab); 11, Zuheir Bakheet Saad (Al Wasl); 12, Hussein Ghuloum Abbas (Sharjah); 13, Hassan Mohammed Shibany (Al Wasl); 14, Nasser Khamees Mubarak (Al Wasl); 15, Ibrahim Meer Abdulrahman (Sharjah); 16, Mohammed Salim Mubarak (Al Ahly); 17, Muhsin Musabbah Faraj (Sharjah, goalkeeper); 18, Fahad Abdulrahman Abdullah (Al Wasl); 19, Eissa Meer Abdulrahman (Sharjah); 20, Yousuf Hussain Mohamed (Sharjah); 21, Abdulrahman Mohammed Al Haddad (Sharjah); 22, Abdul Qadar Hassan (Al Shabab). Coach: Carlos Alberto Parreira.

Colombia

1, Jose Rene Higuita (Nacional, goalkeeper); 2, Andres Escobar (BSC Young Boys, Switz); 3, Gildardo Gomez (Nacional); 4, Luis Fernando Herrera (Nacional); 5, Leon Fernando Villa (Nacional); 6, Ricardo Perez (Nacional); 7, Carlos Enrique Estrada (Millonarios); 8, Gabriel Jaime Gomez (Independiente Medellin); 9, Miguel Guerrero (Junior); 10, Carlos Valderrama (Montpellier, Fr); 11, Bernado Redin (Deportivo Cali); 12, Eduardo Nino (Santa Fe, goalkeeper); 13, Carlos Mario Hoyos (Atlético Junior); 14, Leonel Alvarez (Nacional); 15, Luis Carlos Perea (Nacional); 16, Arnoldo Iguaran (Millonarios); 17, Geovanis Cassiani (Independiente Medellin); 18, Wilmer Cabrera (Santa Fe); 19, Freddy Rincon (America); 20, Alfonso Fajardo (Nacional); 21, Alexis Mendoza (Atlético Junior); 22, Ruben Dario Hernandez (Caldas). Coach: Francisco Maturana.

GROUP E

Belgium

1, Michel Preud'homme (Mechelen); 2, Eric Gerets (PSV Eindhoven, Neth); 3, Philippe Albert (Mechelen); 4, Leo Clijsters (Mechelen); 5, Bruno Versavel (Mechelen); 6, Marc Emmers (Mechelen); 7, Stephene Demol (FC Porto, Por); 8, Franky van der Elst (FC Bruges); 9, Marc Degryse (RSC Anderlecht); 10, Enzo Scifo (Auxerre, Fr); 11, Jan Ceulemans (FC Bruges); 12, Gilbert Bodart (Standard Liége, goalkeeper); 13, Georges Grün (RSC Anderlecht); 14, Nico Claesen (Antwerp); 15, Jean-Francois de Sart (FC Liége); 16, Michel de Wolf (Courtrai); 17, Pascal Plovie (Antwerp); 18, Lorenzo Staelens (FC Bruges); 19, Marc van der Linden (RSC Anderlecht); 20, Filip de Wilde (RSC Anderlecht, goalkeeper); 21, Marc Wilmots (Mechelen); 22, Patrick Vervoort (RSC Anderlecht). Coach: Guy Thys.

South Korea

1, Kim Pung-Joo (Daewoo, goalkeeper); 2, Park Kyung-Hoon (Pohang Iron and Steel); 3, Choi Kang-Hee (Hyundai); 4, Yoon Deuk-Yeo (Hyundai); 5, Chung Yong-Hwan (Daewoo); 6, Lee Tae-Hoo (Daewoo); 7, Ko Soo-Jin (Yukong); 8, Chung Hae-Won (Daewoo); 9, Kwan Hwang-bo (Yukong); 10, Lee Sang-Yoon (Ilhwa); 11, Byun Byung-Joo (Hyundai); 12, Lee Heung-Sil (Lucky Goldstar); 13, Chung Jong-Soo (Yukong); 14, Choi Sun-Ho (Lucky Goldstar); 15, Cho Min-Kook (Lucky Goldstar); 16, Kim Joo-Sung (Daewoo); 17, Gu Sang-Bum (Lucky Goldstar); 18, Hwang Seon-Hong (Konkook University); 19, Jeong Gi-Deng (Pohang Iron and Steel, goalkeeper); 20, Hong Myung-Bo (Korea University); 21, Choi In-Young (Hyundai); 22, Lee Young-Jin (Lucky Goldstar). Coach: Hoe-Taik Lee.

Uruguay

1, Fernando Alvez (Penarol, goalkeeper); 2, Nelson Gutierrez (Verona, It); 3, Hugo De Leon (River Plate, Arg); 4, Jose Herrera (Figueres); 5, Jose Perdomo (Genoa, It); 6, Alfonso Dominguez (Penarol); 7, Antonio Alzamendi (Logroñes, Sp); 8, Santiago Ostolaza (Cruz Azul); 9, Enzo Francescoli (Marseilles, Fr); 10, Ruben Paz (Genoa, It); 11, Ruben Sosa (Lazio, It); 12, Eduardo Pereira (Independiente, Arg, goalkeeper); 13, Felipe Revelez (Nacional); 14, Jose Pintos Saldana (Nacional); 15, Carlos Correa (River Plate, Arg); 16, Pablo Bengoechea (Seville, Sp); 17, Sergio Martinez (Defensor); 18, Carlos Aguilera (Genoa, It); 19, Daniel Fonseca (Nacional); 20, Ruben Pereira (Danubio); 21, William Castro (Nacional); 22, Adolfo Zeoli (Tenerife, Sp, goalkeeper). Coach: Oscar W. Tabárez.

Spain

1, Andoni Zubizarreta (Barcelona, goalkeeper); 2, Chendo (Real Madrid); 3, Manuel Jimenez (Seville); 4, Genaro Andrinúa (Athletic Bilbao); 5, Manuel Sanchis (Real Madrid); 6, Martin Vázquez (Real Madrid); 7, Miguel Pardeza (Real Zaragoza); 8, Quique Sanchez Flores (Valencia); 9, Emilio Butragueño (Real Madrid); 10, Fernando Gomez (Valencia); 11, Francisco Perez Villarroya (Real Zaragoza); 12, Rafael Alkorta (Athletic Bilbao); 13, Juan Carlos Ablanedo (Sporting Gijón, goalkeeper); 14, Alberto Gomez (Real Sociedad); 15, Roberto (Barcelona); 16, José-Maria Bakero (Barcelona); 17, Fernando Hierro (Real Madrid); 18, Rafael Paz (Seville); 19, Julio Salinas (Barcelona); 20, Manolo (Atletico Madrid); 21, Michel (Real Madrid); 22, Jose Manuel Ochotorena (Valencia, goalkeeper). Coach: Luis Suarez.

GROUP F

England

1, Peter Shilton (Derby County, goalkeeper); 2, Gary Stevens (Rangers); 3, Stuart Pearce (Nottingham Forest); 4, Neil Webb (Manchester United); 5, Des Walker (Nottingham Forest); 6, Terry Butcher (Rangers); 7, Bryan Robson (Manchester United); 8, Chris Waddle (Marseilles); 9, Peter Beardsley (Liverpool); 10, Gary Lineker (Tottenham Hotspur); 11, John Barnes (Liverpool); 12, Paul Parker (Queen's Park Rangers); 13, Chris Woods (Rangers, goalkeeper); 14, Mark Wright (Derby County); 15, Tony Dorigo (Chelsea); 16, Steve McMahon (Liverpool); 17, David Platt (Aston Villa); 18, Steve Hodge (Nottingham Forest); 19, Paul Gascoigne (Tottenham Hotspur); 20, Trevor Steven (Rangers); 21, Steven Bull (Wolverhampton Wanderers); 22, David Seaman (Arsenal, goalkeeper). Manager: Bobby Robson.

Republic of Ireland

1, Pat Bonner (Celtic); 2, Chris Morris (Celtic); 3, Steve Staunton (Liverpool); 4, Mick McCarthy (Millwall); 5, Kevin Moran (Blackburn Rovers); 6, Ronnie Whelan (Liverpool); 7, Paul McGrath (Aston Villa); 8, Ray Houghton (Liverpool); 9, John Aldridge (Real Sociedad, Sp); 10, Tony Cascarino (Aston Villa); 11, Kevin Sheedy (Everton); 12, David O'Leary (Arsenal); 13, Andrew Townsend (Chelsea); 14, Chris Hughton (Tottenham Hotspur); 15, Bernie Slaven (Middlesbrough); 16, John Sheridan (Sheffield Wednesday); 17, Niall Quinn (Manchester City); 18, Frank Stapleton (Blackburn Rovers); 19, David Kelly (Leicester City); 20, John Byrne (Le Havre, Fr); 21, Alan McLoughlin (Swindon Town); 22, Gerard Peyton (AFC Bournemouth). Manager: Jack Charlton.

The Netherlands

1, Hans van Breukelem (PSV Eindhoven, goalkeeper); 2, Berry van Aerle (PSV Eindhoven); 3, Frank Rijkaard (AC Milan, It); 4, Ronald Koeman (Barcelona, Sp); 5, Adrie van Tiggelen (RSC Anderlecht, Bel); 6, Jan Wouters (Ajax); 7, Erwin Koeman (Mechelen, Bel); 8, Gerald Vanenburg (PSV Eindhoven); 9, Marco van Basten (AC Milan, It); 10, Ruud Gullit (AC Milan, It); 11, Richard Witschge (Ajax); 12, Wim Kieft (PSV Eindhoven); 13, Graeme Rutjes (Mechelen, Bel); 14, Johnny Van't Schip (Ajax); 15, Bryan Roy (Ajax); 16, Joop Hiele (Feyenoord, goalkeeper); 17, Hans Gillhaus (Aberdeen, Sco); 18, Henk Fraeser (Roda JC Kerkrade); 19, Johnny van Loen (Roda JC Kerkrade); 20, Aaron Winter (Ajax); 21, Danny Blind (Ajax); 22, Stanley Menzo (Ajax, goalkeeper). Coach: Leo Beenhakker.

Egypt

1, Ahmed Shobeir (Al-Ahly, goalkeeper); 2, Ibrahim Hassan (Al-Ahly); 3, Rabie Yasseen (Al-Ahly); 4, Hani Ramzi (Al-Ahly); 5, Hesham Yakan (Zamalek); 6, Ashraf Kasem (Zamalek); 7, Ismail Youssef (Zalalek); 8, Magdi Abed El Ghani (Beira Mar, Por); Hossam Hassan (Al-Ahly); 10, Gamal Abed El Hamid (Zamalek); 11, Tarek Soliman (Neuchâtel Xamax, Switz); 12, Taher Abou Zeid (Al Ahly); 13, Ahmed Ramzi (Zamalek); 14, Alaa Mezhoub (Al-Ahly); 15, Saber Eid (Mehallah); 16, Magdi Tolba (Zamalek); 17, Ayman Shawky (Al-Ahly); 18, Osama Orabi (Al-Ahly); 19, Adel Abd El Rahman (Al-Ahly); 20, Ahmed El Kass (Olympic Alexandria); 21, Ayman Taher (Zamalek, goalkeeper); 22, Sabet El Betal (Al-Ahly, goalkeeper). Coach: Mahmoud El Gohary.

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Sun June 10 (4pm) Florence — ITV: Live

UNITED STATES			CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Scorers			

Thur June 14 (8pm) Rome — Eurosport: Live

ITALY			UNITED STATES
Scorers			

Fri June 15 (4pm) Florence — BBC2: Live. ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Live

AUSTRIA			CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Scorers			

Tue June 19 (8pm) Rome — ITV: Live. Eurosport: Recorded

ITALY			CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Scorers			

Tue June 19 (8pm) Florence — ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Live

AUSTRIA			UNITED STATES
Scorers			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Points
Italy							
Czechoslovakia							
Austria							
United States							

GROUP B

Fri June 8 (5pm) Milan — BBC1: Highlights. ITV: Live. Eurosport: Live

ARGENTINA			CAMEROON
Scorers			

Sat June 9 (4pm) Bari — BBC1: Live. ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Recorded

SOVIET UNION			ROMANIA
Scorers			

Wed June 13 (8pm) Naples — ITV: Live. Eurosport: Live

ARGENTINA			SOVIET UNION
Scorers			

Thur June 14 (4pm) Bari — ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Recorded

CAMEROON			ROMANIA
Scorers			

Mon June 18 (8pm) Naples — BBC2: Live. Eurosport: Live

ARGENTINA			ROMANIA
Scorers			

Mon June 18 (8pm) Bari — Eurosport: Recorded

CAMEROON			SOVIET UNION
Scorers			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Points
Argentina							
Soviet Union							
Romania							
Cameroon							

GROUP C

Sun June 10 (8pm) Turin — BBC1: Live. Eurosport: Live

BRAZIL			SWEDEN
Scorers			

Mon June 11 (4pm) Genoa — ITV: Live. Eurosport: Live

COSTA RICA			SCOTLAND
Scorers			

Sat June 16 (4pm) Turin — ITV: Live. Eurosport: Live

BRAZIL			COSTA RICA
Scorers			

Sat June 16 (8pm) Genoa — BBC1: Live in Scotland. ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Live

SWEDEN			SCOTLAND
Scorers			

Wed June 20 (8pm) Turin — ITV: Live. Eurosport: Live

BRAZIL			SCOTLAND
Scorers			

Wed June 20 (8pm) Genoa — ITV: Recorded. Eurosport: Recorded

SWEDEN			COSTA RICA
Scorers			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Points
Brazil							
Sweden							
Scotland							
Costa Rica							

GRO

Sat June 9 (8pm) Bologna

UAE			
Scorers			

Sun June 10 (8pm) Milan

WEST GERMANY			
Scorers			

Thur June 14 (4pm) Bologna

YUGOSLAVIA			
Scorers			

Fri June 15 (8pm) Milan

WEST GERMANY			
Scorers			

Tue June 19 (4pm) Milan

WEST GERMANY			
Scorers			

Tue June 19 (4pm) Bologna

YUGOSLAVIA			
Scorers			

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UAE		

Close to his peak: Polster's selfishness could be Austria's greatest asset

THE present Austrian side may be a far yodel from the "wunderteam" of the Thirties, but in Anton "Toni" Polster, at least, they possess a worthy successor to the great forwards of their distinguished past (Clive White writes).

It is not for want of trying that Polster has failed, so far, to emulate the achievement of Krankle, the last great Austrian forward and the only one in the country's history to win the Golden Boot, awarded to Europe's top scorer.

Polster, the Seville forward, was in contention for the award this season until the last few weeks. In 1986 he won the Bronze Boot, and still believes he deserved first prize the following year when his haul of 39 goals was overtaken in suspicious circumstances by Camatru, the Romanian.

Polster declined to attend the presentation ceremony and refused the Silver award. He is a proud man. Prior to the decisive World Cup qualifying match against East Germany in November, he was reviled in the media for being "too soft, self-centred and inconsistent", and was jeered by his own supporters. Consequently, after he had shown just how wonderfully selfish he can be by scoring all three goals in the game, he saw no reason to share his celebration with anyone, and made straight for the dressing room at the final whistle. "I didn't want to be a scapegoat if we had been unsuccessful, and I don't want to be a hero now we have qualified," he said.

But Polster, who only last autumn vowed never to play for his country again, will find it hard to avoid a lap of honour should Austria triumph in Italy. After the way they struggled to qualify that would seem unlikely, but Austria's opening group includes arguably the weakest of all the qualifiers, the United States, and Austria play them after Italy and Czechoslovakia have had a chance to soften them up.

Tall but supple, Polster is a fine dribbler, and an even better finisher. At 26 years old, he will never be closer to his peak in a World Cup even if they staged the finals in the Tirol.

Classical midfield general: Hagi's best may be yet to come

THE great midfield players tend to reach their peak in their maturity, when cunning and experience have added an extra dimension to their play (Peter Ball writes). By that reckoning, Gheorghe Hagi, aged 25, is still not quite there, and will actually be at his best for the 1994 World Cup, providing the riches said to be awaiting him in Italy do not take the edge off his appetite on the field.

If he can get even better he will be some player, for Hagi already looks a considerable talent. An international at 18, he is the key creative player for the dour, generally defensive Romanian side, and for Steua Bucharest, whom he joined just after their European Cup victory against Barcelona.

That game will probably go down as the worst final in the history of the competition. With Hagi installed, Steua at least looked a marginally more interesting side last season in the defeat by Milan. If Romania now decide to give him his head, we could be in for a treat, for there will be few better players in Italy this summer.

He has been proclaimed the best Romanian player of all time, and dubbed "the Maradona of the Carpathians" by his admirers — a tribute which owes something to his build and dark brows, but more to his ability to manoeuvre a football. The resemblance cannot be taken too far, even though Hagi is a consistent scorer from midfield. He can beat his man, but it is the vision of his passing which is his great asset rather than the long, twisting runs so characteristic of Maradona.

Hagi is in many ways the classical midfield general, constantly on the ball and controlling his side's attacks, directing operations with his passing, frequently to his Steua colleague, the dangerous Lacatus. He is also a fine finisher, and has an eye for where a chance is likely to occur, timing his breaks forward shrewdly.

If he can keep his temper in the face of provocation and at the same time not allow tight marking to force him too deep, he could emerge as one of the stars of the tournament.

Gifted individual: can Careca assume centre stage for his team, Brazil?

THREE years ago, when Maradona described Careca, his new club colleague from Brazil, as "the best forward in the world", one should have guessed that modesty had nothing to do with it (Clive White writes). Maradona was merely flattering the ego of a player who, we have since discovered, is probably the best supporting forward in the world.

For three seasons now at Napoli, Careca has happily played a vital second fiddle, or perhaps one ought to say second Stradivarius, to the world's greatest soloist, Maradona. Now the time has come, at the age of 29, for Antonio de Oliveira Filho to assume centre stage and attempt to justify the Argentine's lavish praise.

One has only to look at his performance in the last World Cup finals in Mexico to see how good an individualist Careca can be. His five-goal haul in the tournament made him the second highest scorer to Lineker. He has repeated that feat during the qualifying stages of this World Cup, scoring all four goals in one game against Venezuela. But for all that, Sebastio Lazaroni, the manager, is still torn between selecting two forwards, in keeping with Brazil's new concern for defence, or a more traditionally adventurous three.

Careca, at least, is assured of a place in the starting line-up. He will need to be at his most courageous, a quality of his about which there has been some disagreement over the years.

Maradona once said of Careca: "The more they kick him, the better he plays, the more dangerous he becomes." Can this really be the same player described by the Italian Press as a "flabby rabbit" after Napoli had lost 5-1 to Werder Bremen in a UEFA Cup tie last December?

Throughout his career, Careca has made a habit of defying his critics. Guarani, his first club, considered him injury prone and sold him to São Paulo for £250,000. Five years later, he was sold for 10 times that amount to Napoli. Brazil firmly believe that it is their turn now to cash in on this extraordinarily gifted player.

Gifted but petulant: Stojković was

WHEN England met Yugoslavia in a World Cup warm-up match at Wembley last December, the late Peter Jones, commentating on the match for Radio 2, said of Dragan Stojković: "What a truly remarkable player he is. He has covered every yard of this Wembley pitch and played in every position except that of goalkeeper. And who knows? He may even try his hand at that before the game is over" (Roddy Forsyth writes).

Stojković, at the age of 24 and having made almost 50 international appearances, has emerged as perhaps the most comprehensively gifted of the players who will assemble in Italy, with a combination of technique and vision which offers him the opportunity to succeed Maradona as the most talented footballer in the world.

Of the 24 nations who will be represented in these finals, Yugoslavia qualified first, and Stojković assumed the key role in ensuring the side's progress. The Scottish coach, Andy Roxburgh, was afforded several chances to observe Stojković at close quarters.

SECOND ROUND

Sat June 23 (4pm) Naples

Winner Group B			3rd Group A, C or D
Scorers			

Sat June 23 (8pm) Bari

2nd Group A			2nd Group C
Scorers			

Sun June 24 (4pm) Turin

Winner Group C			3rd Group A, B or F
Scorers			

Sun June 24 (8pm) Milan

Winner Group D			3rd Group B, E or F
Scorers			

Mon June 25 (4pm) Genoa

2nd Group F			2nd Group B
Scorers			

Mon June 25 (8pm) Rome

Winner Group A			3rd Group C, D or E
Scorers			

Tues June 26 (4pm) Verona

Winner Group E			2nd Group D
Scorers			

Tue June 26 (8pm) Bologna

Winner Group F			2nd Group E
Scorers			

QUARTER-FINALS

Sat June 30 (4pm) Florence

Winner Turin			Winner Verona
Scorers			

Sat June 30 (8pm) Rome

Winner Genoa			Winner Rome
Scorers			

Sun July 1 (4pm) Milan

Winner Bari			Winner Milan
Scorers			

Sun July 1 (8pm) Naples

Winner Naples			Winner Bologna
Scorers			

SEMI

Tues July 3 (7pm) Naples

Winner Florence			Winner Rome
Scorers			
Team			

Wed July 4 (7pm) Turin

Winner Milan			Winner Naples
Scorers			
Team			

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ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Live
COLOMBIA
Scorers

Eurosport: Recorded
YUGOSLAVIA
Scorers

ITV: Live. Eurosport: Live
COLOMBIA
Scorers

ITV: Live. Eurosport: Recorded
UAE
Scorers

BBC2: Live/Highlights. ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Recorded
COLOMBIA
Scorers

ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Live
UAE
Scorers

L	F	A	Points

GROUP E

Tue June 12 (4pm) Verona — ITV: Live. Eurosport: Live

BELGIUM			SOUTH KOREA
Scorers			

Wed June 13 (4pm) Udine — BBC2: Live. ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Live

URUGUAY			SPAIN
Scorers			

Sun June 17 (8pm) Verona — Eurosport: Recorded

BELGIUM			URUGUAY
Scorers			

Sun June 17 (8pm) Udine — Eurosport: Live

SOUTH KOREA			SPAIN
Scorers			

Thur June 21 (4pm) Verona — ITV: Live. Eurosport: Live

BELGIUM			SPAIN
Scorers			

Thur June 21 (4pm) Udine — ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Recorded

SOUTH KOREA			URUGUAY
Scorers			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Points
Belgium							
Spain							
Uruguay							
South Korea							

GROUP F

Mon June 11 (8pm) Cagliari — ITV: Live. Eurosport: Recorded

ENGLAND			REP OF IRELAND
Scorers			

Tue June 12 (8pm) Palermo — BBC2: Live. Eurosport: Recorded

NETHERLANDS			EGYPT
Scorers			

Sat June 16 (8pm) Cagliari — BBC1: Live. ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Recorded

ENGLAND			NETHERLANDS
Scorers			

Sun June 17 (4pm) Palermo — ITV: Live. Eurosport: Live

REP OF IRELAND			EGYPT
Scorers			

Thur June 21 (8pm) Cagliari — BBC1: Live. ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Live

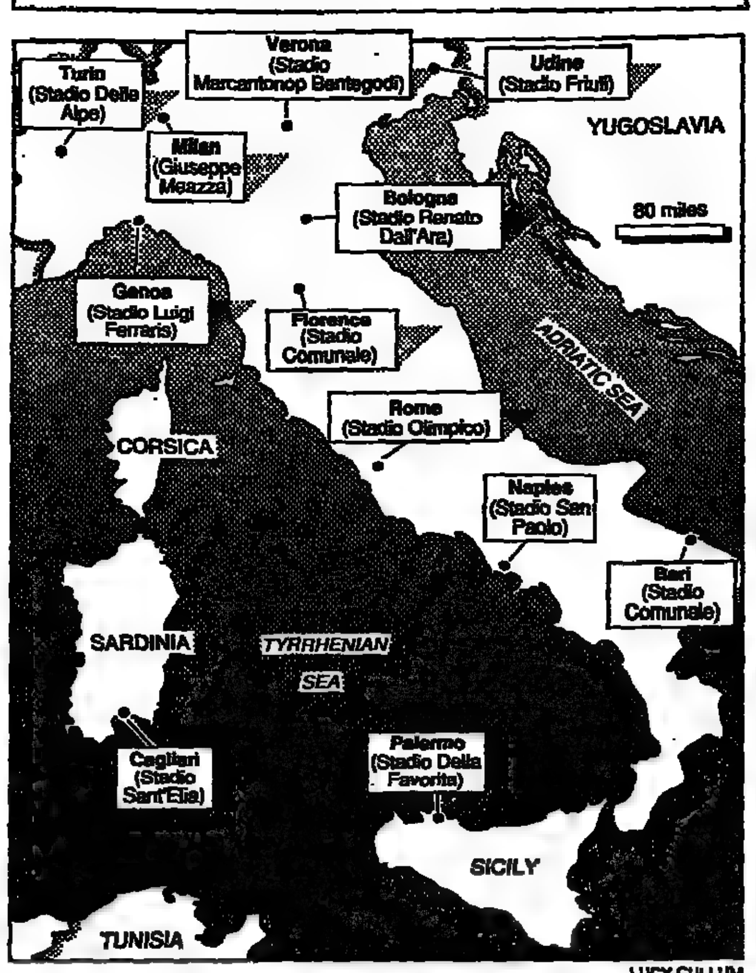
ENGLAND			EGYPT
Scorers			

Thur June 21 (8pm) Palermo — BBC1: Highlights. ITV: Highlights. Eurosport: Recorded

REP OF IRELAND			NETHERLANDS
Scorers			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Points
England							
Netherlands							
Rep of Ireland							
Egypt							

THE VENUES



LUCY CULLUM

GROUP A

Rome: Stadium: Olimpico. Home teams: AS Roma and formerly Lazio. Capacity: 80,528, all seated and covered.
Inaugurated in 1953, but for the World Cup, the north, south and central (*Monte Mario*) stands have been rebuilt and the Tevere stands raised by 10 rows. This stadium will host the final and will thus share the distinction, with Wembley and Olimpiastadion in Munich, as the only three grounds to have also hosted the Olympic Games. Cost of World Cup redevelopment: £59.2 million.

Florence: Stadium: Comunale. Home Team: Florentina. World Cup capacity: 44,761, all seated. Normal capacity: 49,033.
Designed and built in 1931 by Pier Luigi Nervi when reinforced concerete was used for first time at an Italian sports ground. Redesigned for World Cup by novel ploy of lowering playing area to use area formerly occupied by the running track for new seating and thus preserving Nervi's original design. Cost: £18 million.

GROUP B

Naples: Stadium: San Paolo. Home team: Napoli. World Cup capacity: 74,750 covered seats. Normal capacity: 86,000.
First built in 1959, the stadium has been completely covered for the World Cup. Spectator levels have been raised and converted to seated accommodation. Cost: £24 million.

Bari: Stadium: Nuovo Comunale. Home team: Bari. World Cup capacity: 56,874, with 38,000 covered seats. Normal capacity: 60,000.
The municipally-owned stadium which has been built south of the city centre replaces the old Stadio Comunale which had a 40,400 capacity but was rarely filled with Bari spending most of their 82 years in the second division. Cost: £41.5 million.

GROUP C

Turin: Stadium: Delle Alpe. Home teams: Juventus and Torino. World Cup capacity: 67,411. Normal capacity: 71,609.
Built to replace the famous old Stadio Comunale, the Delle Alpe has been built at enormous expense and political wrangling. FIFA and the Italian football authorities warned Turin at one stage that the city would be dropped from the World Cup unless the new stadium did not quickly become reality rather than just an outline on the drawing board. Cost: £34.8 million.

Genoa: Stadium: Luigi Ferraris. Home teams: Genoa and Sampdoria. World Cup capacity: 44,600 seats.
The architect Vittorio Gregotti supervised the demolition of the old stadium, leaving only the facade, and the reconstruction of a new ground, the most novel feature of which is the towers at each of the four corners, which serve as supports and also contain lifts and stairs for spectators. In order to allow football to continue while building work was carried out half the stadium was rebuilt at a time. Cost: £29.6 million.

GROUP D

Milan: Stadium: San Siro (Giuseppe Meazza). Home teams: AC Milan and Internazionale. World Cup capacity: 83,107 seats (74,900 covered).
The stadium which will host the opening game of the tournament has been municipally owned since 1936 when the first major development increased capacity from 36,000 to 45,000. Further construction in 1954 almost doubled capacity and now another huge rebuilding project has been completed. Cost: £24 million.

Bologna: Stadium: Dall'Arra. Home team: Bologna. World Cup capacity: 37,500 seats (12,500 covered). Normal capacity: 40,782.
The ground was first redeveloped in 1926 and was re-named in honour of the president of the championship-winning side of 1964. The World Cup development has not been without incident, including the death of a construction worker. Cost: £16 million.

GROUP E

Verona: Stadium: Marcantonio Bentegodi. Home team: Verona. World Cup capacity: 40,976 seats (39,914 covered). Normal capacity: 44,000.
First built in 1910 and rebuilt in 1963, the stadium needed less work than most to bring it up to World Cup standard, the main works involving rebuilding the dressing room area to create warming-up gynasiums. The pitch has been re-laid and incorporates a heating system. Cost: £10 million.

Udine: Stadium: Friuli. Home team: Udinese. World Cup capacity: 36,685. Normal capacity: 42,133 all seated.
Built in 1976 the Friuli was the first Italian ground to introduce all numbered seating. Its main features are its arc-like roof and a giant video display. It has been ideally suited to expansion. Cost: £9.5 million.

GROUP F

Palermo: Stadium: La Favorita. Home team: Palermo. World Cup capacity: 36,630. Normal capacity: 40,500.
Inaugurated in 1932 and consistently remodelled since, the main work for the World Cup has involved re-roofing the main stand and extending and restructuring other stands to allow new dressing rooms and press areas to be built. Cost: £12.2 million.

Cagliari: Stadium: Renato Sant'Elia. Home team: Cagliari. World Cup capacity 38,000. Normal capacity: 40,919 all seated.
Built in 1970 as a new home for the then Italian champions, the major reconstruction work has been to power-boost the floodlighting, cover the main stand and build lifts to connect the press box and press centre. Cost: £16 million.

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He is a very, very gifted football ...er who really damaged us," ...burgh said. "He can play wide ...n central midfield, and when he ...n his game he is quite simply ...erb. He just glides past people ... he strikes the ball beautifully. Against us at Hampden, Yugo...ia scored from a corner kick. ...boys knew precisely how he ...d deliver it, and he did. It was ...an Exocet missile; we knew it ... coming but we could do ...ing about it. *His touch and* ...trol is equally good, and he is ...quick."

...oxburgh, though, does have ...e reservations about Stojković. ...metimes I *think* he just shows ... When he played against Eng...l at Wembley, for example, he ...to wait until somebody kicked ... before he weny into top gear. When he played against us I was ..., very disappointed in him. In ...latter part of the game, because ... had gone ahead, he actually ...ted to show a kind of disdain for ...opponents. If he gets rid of that ...dish petulance he could perhaps ...he greatest player in the world."

Upstaged Maradona: Sosa, the low-scoring Uruguayans' saviour

ON July 12, 1989, Ruben Sosa lived out *the fantasy of millions* when he upstaged Maradona in the Maracana Stadium, scoring both the goals which eliminated Argentina, the world champions, in the Copa America (*Clive White* writes). Is it any wonder that Sosa, voted the outstanding player of that tournament, is seen as one of the potential stars of Italia '90?

He has already made a unique contribution to the finals without kicking a ball. As a representative of Uruguay, one of the six former World Cup winners, he helped make the draw in Rome last December, when he was the only present player in the illustrious company of Pelé, Bobby Moore, Carl Heinz Rummenigge, Daniel Passarella and Bruno Conti. The appointment may prove to be an appropriate choice if Sosa maintains his exceptional form. In the past two years the former Real Zaragoza forward has crammed in nearly all his 25 caps and 11 goals — quite an achievement for a foreign-based Uruguayan.

After scoring four goals in the Copa America, he frequently rescued the low-scoring Uruguayans in the qualifying stages of the World Cup, in which he scored five goals. When Uruguay needed to beat Peru to qualify on goal difference, Sosa came up with two opportunist goals. But his brace against Argentina was particularly memorable. First he made them pay for a slack back-pass. Then, when Ruggeri was sent off for scything him down, he punished them again with a spectacular left wing run and shot.

Short, stocky and quick, with a fierce left-foot shot, Sosa gave the English public a blurred view of his darting skills in the recent 2-1 victory over England at Wembley. It was one of the rare occasions of late when he has failed to score for his country, although the equally rapid Walker may have had something to do with that.

Such is the esteem in which Sosa is held that Francescoli, the outstanding Uruguayan attacker of the last few years, has been given the job of fetching and carrying for the young master.

Out of the shadows: Rijkaard can be an influential figure for the Dutch

FRANK Rijkaard is the one who used to have the shorter dreadlocks (*Peter Ball* writes). Now, he is emerging from his compatriot and colleague Ruud Gullit's shadows in every way — a different haircut, and growing recognition that he is something more than the third man in AC Milan's Dutch trio.

Given that the other two are van Basten and Gullit, that is a considerable accolade for the versatile Rijkaard. A superb athlete, the son of a former professional from Surinam, where he, like Gullit, was born, Rijkaard, aged 27, is an easy player to spot, but a less easy one to evaluate. For he is a professional's player, rather than a spectator's favourite.

Even now, were it not for his striking looks, he would not immediately capture the attention, particularly with Milan, where he is used as a bits-and-pieces midfield player. He can tackle, he can pass, but with Gullit and van Basten in front of him, and the dominant Baresi behind, he does not appear to have that much influence, for all his obvious athleticism.

Closer study reveals another story. His understanding with his two international colleagues is a source of many of Milan's most fruitful moves. And, in the European Cup final, even before he scored the winning goal, it was clear that his powerful runs forward were a threat to Benfica.

The goal itself revealed his qualities: a surging, perfectly timed break forward, and an impeccable finish. Yet do Milan use him to their best advantage? And will The Netherlands? He played as a sweeper in front of the defence for Ajax, and as a central defender of sorts in the Dutch European championship side of 1988.

As an attacker, paradoxically, he gains from being further back, making those surging runs from deep and avoiding midfield skirmishes. But with Ronald Koeman holding the sweeper spot, is he a good enough defender to play as an orthodox centre half? Surely, the extra dimension Rijkaard gives the Dutch when he breaks forward make any doubts about his defensive qualities irrelevant.

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THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

Sat July 7 (7pm) Bari

Scorers			

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FINAL

Sun July 8 (7pm) Rome

Scorers			

Team .... Team ....

DAY-BY-DAY GUIDE

June 8: Argentina v Cameroon (5pm).
June 9: Italy v Austria (8pm); Soviet Union v Romania (4pm); United Arab Emirates v Colombia (8pm).
June 10: United States v Czechoslovakia (4pm); Brazil v Sweden (8pm); West Germany v Yugoslavia (8pm).
June 11: Costa Rica v Scotland (4pm); England v Republic of Ireland (8pm).
June 12: Belgium v South Korea (4pm); Netherlands v Egypt (8pm).
June 13: Argentina v Soviet Union (8pm); Uruguay v Spain (4pm).
June 14: Italy v United States (8pm); Cameroon v Romania (8pm); Yugoslavia v Colombia (4pm).
June 15: Austria v Czechoslovakia (4pm); West Germany v United Arab Emirates (8pm).
June 16: Sweden v Scotland (8pm); England v Netherlands (8pm).
June 17: Belgium v Uruguay (8pm); South Korea v Spain (8pm); Republic of Ireland v Egypt (4pm).
June 18: Argentina v Romania (8pm); Cameroon v Soviet Union (8pm).
June 19: Italy v Czechoslovakia (8pm); Austria v United States (8pm); West Germany v Colombia (4pm); Yugoslavia v United Arab Emirates (4pm).
June 20: Brazil v Scotland (8pm); Sweden v Costa Rica (8pm).
June 21: Belgium v Spain (4pm); South Korea v Uruguay (4pm); England v Egypt (8pm); Republic of Ireland v Netherlands (8pm).
June 23: Two second round matches (4pm and 8pm).
June 24: Two second round matches (4pm and 8pm).
June 25: Two second round matches (4pm and 8pm).
June 26: Two second round matches (4pm and 8pm).
June 30: Two quarter-finals (4pm and 8pm).
July 1: Two quarter-finals (4pm and 8pm).
July 3: Semi-final (7pm).
July 4: Semi-final (7pm).
July 7: Third place play-off (7pm).
July 8: Final (7pm).

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WORLD CUP

GROUP A

ITALY

THEIR attempt to repeat the feat of 1934, when they won the World Cup on their own soil, could founder on their own nerves. Liam Brady, for one, is convinced that Azeglio Vicini's team will not be able to handle the pressure, which is already intense and is sure to multiply.

Their security will be anything but frail. It is supervised by Baresi, the most complete defender in the modern game. Powerful, swift and intelligent, Baresi's only apparent weakness is his susceptibility to injury. When fit, he is the accepted leader of the Milanese guardsmen. He and all of his regular defensive colleagues represent the city's famous two clubs, AC and Inter.

No one can dispute that the Italian League is by far the wealthiest and the strongest in the world. An estimated £125 million has been spent on importing 130 foreign players and the product this season was the capture of all three European club trophies, a unique achievement for one nation.

But there could be a price to pay. Not only have Vicini's preparations been interrupted (the day after he assembled his squad, a dozen players left to return to final club commitments), but the presence of foreign forwards would seem to have stunted the progress of home-grown talents.

An effective strike force has yet to be found. Unless they discover another Rossi, who blossomed during Italy's World Cup triumph in 1982, their campaign will not come to full fruition.

Serena, Carnevale, Mancini, Baggio and Schillaci have all been tested for the role as the partner for Vialli. None has passed. Baggio, after scoring twice in the 4-0 win over Bulgaria at the beginning of the season, has since receded. Schillaci, his colleague at Juventus, could be the solution, but he is too inexperienced to be wholly reliable.

The problem has become so acute that an Italian goal is a rare gem. But traditionally they are slow to start and, if the Roman crowds lift them, they could stay almost exclusively in the capital city and be carried on a wave of patriotic fervour all the way to the final.

USA

THE last to qualify, by beating Trinidad and Tobago and finishing as the runners-up in the CONCACAF group, they promise to be among the first to be eliminated. A comment uttered by an unlikely foe, the manager of the Soviet Union champions, encapsulates their prospects.

"It was like a little joke," Yevgenio Kucherevsky said after Dnepr had ambled to victory over the Americans last August. He admitted that, for the sake of diplomacy, his side had eased up once they were 3-0 ahead. "We didn't want to cause our hosts too much embarrassment."

An intensive, extensive programme has since dissipated the fear that they might suffer further humiliation. They even defeated a European nation (albeit only Finland, three months ago at home in Miami) for the first time in a decade, but Werner Fricker, their president, has lowered their sights to a realistic level.

"We have no illusions about our chances," he says. "But just wait until 1994." They will then be the hosts of the World Cup, but domestic interest in the game remains insignificant. Only 0.8 per cent of the population watched the delayed transmission of the decisive tie in Trinidad last December.

Although they lost only to Costa Rica, the winners of the qualifying group, they scored a mere six goals in eight ties. The statistical evidence supports the words of their manager Bob Gansler. "Our scores would indicate that our approach and attitude is to achieve success while minimising the risk."

Even if their defence is not dismantled by Czechoslovakia, Italy and Austria, their already feeble attack was further diminished when they lost Hugo Perez, their principal forward, who plays for Red Star in the French second divison. He broke a leg and tore knee ligaments in March.

But for the suspension of Mexico, who are invariably the CONCACAF champions, the Americans would not be taking part. They last did so 40 years ago, when they astonished the world by defeating England 1-0 in Belo Horizonte. The chances of creating a similar upset lies somewhere between minimal and zero.

GROUP B

ARGENTINA

NEVER can the world champions have approached the defence of the title in such ignominious form. But for the presence of Maradona, there would be grave doubts about whether they would be strong enough even to go through to the second round. There can be no certainty that they will.

If such an outlook seems dark, consider the evidence of last year. Of 11 fixtures, they won only two. Worse, they failed to score in any of their last five games. The unproductive run started in the South American championship and ended, amid utter tedium, against Italy.

After the soulless, goalless draw in Sardinia, where scarcely a genuine shot was struck by either side, Carlos Bilardo uttered a chilling comment. "People may not like it," the Argentina manager said, "but football today is like that, a midfield game."

Nor is Maradona prepared to set an appealing example. The captain, whose behaviour in the Berlin tournament two years ago was inexcusably shameful, refuses to accept responsibility himself. "It is up to the referee to get a grip," he says. "If he sits back and lets us hack away at each other, we will."

Ominously, he believes that Argentina are competing in "a group of iron". Another of his opinions cost him £4,200, the fine imposed for publicly alleging that the World Cup draw was fixed. His popularity in Italy was damaged, but he significantly redressed the balance by leading Napoli to the title for the second time.

The triumph was particularly valuable since Argentina, once they have opened the tournament in Milan, will be based there. Bilardo, relieved that the initial opponents are Africans rather than Europeans — "who might have had 30,000 fans cheering them on" — expects his side to receive the full support of Naples.

Earlier this year, Argentina were beaten by Mexico and, without their European exiles, they were also humiliated by Monaco, the former French champions. An undistinguished draw in Switzerland last month suggests that Maradona, even if he is again assisted by the gods, cannot be expected single-handedly to reverse their fortunes.

SOVIET UNION

VALERY Lobanovsky has been able to retain almost the same squad and the same team which finished as the runners-up to The Netherlands in the European championship two years ago. There is one significant difference. Mikhailichenko, his most powerful player, recently broke an arm and is unavailable.

The absence of one part can disrupt the smooth running of the Soviet machine. Without the suspended Kuznetsov, for instance, their defence failed to contain the Dutch in Munich in 1988. Mikhailichenko, who has been prone to injury throughout his career, was the central cog in their midfield.

Nevertheless, they will be vastly experienced and, since the squad habitually trains in Italy every spring, they will already be accustomed to the food, the climate and the conditions. Moreover, through the increased freedom of movement, several of the leading players have gained intimate knowledge of foreign patterns and styles.

Once, only those over the age of 30 were officially permitted to travel abroad: when the policy was relaxed a couple of years ago, Dasaev went to Seville, Khidiatulin to Toulouse, Zavarov and Aleinikov to Juventus, Belanov to Borussia Mönchengladbach, Rats to Español and Blokhin to Aris Limassol.

While his personnel is largely unaltered, the manager said: "We want to show that our football has changed. We do not depend any more just on athletic ability." A victim of heart trouble, he no longer intends to endure the strain and has announced that he will retire when the tournament is over.

His blood pressure could rise to an unhealthy level if his side fulfils expectations and enters the last 16. He describes the group as "hard" and he believes that Romania "could surprise people".

Not, he trusts, at the start. They are the Soviet's opening opponents in Bari on Saturday. The strongest of the second seeds, the Soviets are meticulous in their preparations and they are one of the nations capable of breaking into the top bracket — but will they miss Mikhailichenko?

AUSTRIA

DOMESTIC optimism is scraping along the floor, despite some recent impressive results. The team with the weakest qualifying record of all the European entrants has been described as "the worst in living memory" by the local press. The appraisal would seem excessively pessimistic because none of the finalists will carry such a potentially prolific strike-force.

Polster and Rodax between them own a full set of continental scoring awards. When Polster was with FK Austria, he won the bronze and silver boots in 1986 and 1987 respectively. Rodax, of Rapid Vienna, claimed the golden version this season. As well as accumulating more than 60 goals for their clubs this season, they contributed all three in Austria's notable victory last March in Spain.

Polster, who scored all three goals himself in the decisive qualifying tie against East Germany, is an automatic choice. Rodax, who has agreed to join Atlético Madrid for £2.35 million, has been more accustomed to replacing Ogris as a substitute, but the stature of "the blond rocket" grew when he was nominated as the Footballer of the Year.

Nor is Austria's midfield short of colour. Herzog (his name means "The Duke" in German) has been hailed as "The White Gullit" by Krankl, who is now in charge of Rapid. It is surprising, therefore, that Azeglio Vicini should see Italy's opponents on Saturday as "a solid team without stars".

Rated as low as sixteenth in Europe, Austria are anything but solid, as was amply illustrated last October in Turkey where they were humbled 3-0. They conceded another six goals in their other five ties and finished a mere three points above Iceland, who were bottom of the group.

Josef Hickersberger, the youngest manager in Austrian history, has no illusions about his side's fate this weekend in Rome. "Italy are out on their own because they are a class team," said Hickersberger, who will leave his post after the tournament. "The significant game will be our next one against Czechoslovakia," he said. His assessment appears to be more realistic than those in the domestic newspapers.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

THEY are more powerful than their ranking might indicate. They are considered no higher than the tenth best team in Europe, but for much of the qualifying competition — one of the factors used to compile the official list — they were without three influential individuals.

One, Lubovy, was injured. In spite of breaking a leg towards the end of last season, he still finished as the League's leading scorer with 24 goals in 28 games for Dukla Prague. As soon as he recovered, he tore ankle ligaments.

The other absentees, Knoflicek and Kubik, were out for even longer. In the summer of 1988, they defected to West Germany while on a trip with Slavia Prague. Their path to freedom led them, among other places, to a remote fishing village in Spain. After living out of a suitcase for 16 months, Knoflicek returned to Germany to join St Pauli.

Kubik signed for Fiorentina and ended the season with a UEFA Cup losers' medal. He will reinforce Czechoslovakia's midfield. Knoflicek is expected to lead the attack with Lubovy as Griga, the other noted forward, is suspended for the opening tie against the United States in Florence on Sunday.

Under Josef Venglos, back in charge after leading them to the World Cup finals in 1982, they qualified with an especially assured defence. In eight ties they let in a mere three goals and two of those were conceded to Belgium, the eventual winners of the group.

Azeglio Vicini, the Italian manager, believes that Czechoslovakia are "on their way up again" and Venglos is convinced that his team will at least reach the second round. But ever since they advanced to the World Cup final in 1962, their approach has tended to be laced with excessive caution.

Yet with the Americans in the group and with the memory of a 2-1 victory in Austria last year to lift them, they are almost sure to go through to the last 16. But Knoflicek and Kubik are not the only members of the squad looking for gold in the West. Only if Venglos can harness their personal ambitions is further progress likely to be made.

CAMEROON

RECOGNISED as the strongest side in Africa, Cameroon will be defending their unique record when they meet Argentina on Friday night in the opening tie: they are the only nation to have played in the finals of the World Cup and never been beaten.

During their one previous appearance in Spain, eight years ago, they held all three of their first-round opponents, including Italy, the eventual champions. Having failed narrowly to progress, they returned to success on their own continent. They collected the African Nations Cup in 1984 and 1988 and also finished as the runners-up in 1986.

Their challenge for this year's title was, however, limited. A depleted side lost to Senegal and Zambia, and N'kono, their colourful goalkeeper, found no consolation in a closing victory, over Kenya. "We are a joke," he said. "Our preparations are a farce, and, unless something drastic happens, we will make an embarrassment of ourselves in Italy."

N'kono, has a personal reason to be dissatisfied: he is no longer considered the first choice by his country. His place has been taken by the equally acrobatic Bell, Bordeaux's goalkeeper.

Bell, the runner-up in the recent French footballer of the year poll, is the leading figure of a French foreign legion. A third of the Cameroon squad is attached to his rival clubs. They include Biyik, of Metz, and M'bouh, of Le Havre, both of whom are natural goal-scorers in midfield.

However, whispers of discontent have been heard in the camp, and the manager has been the prime target. Valery Nepomniaschy, who was appointed two years ago, was born in Siberia. His own, undistinguised, playing career ended prematurely because of injury at the age of 23.

A student of Valery Lobanovsky, the renowned Soviet manager, he has blended his own natural, scientific methods into the more carefree nature of the Cameroon. Although his side started the qualifying competition ignominiously, being held at home by Angola, they finished in triumph, beating Tunisia in the two-legged final.

ROMANIA

ROMANIA were regarded as a dark horse before the revolution. Now they are even darker. Nobody can foresee how the team, whose very presence in Italy was in considerable doubt, will respond. It can be assumed that they will at least receive the sympathy, if not the wholehearted support, of the Italian crowds.

Had it not been for the domestic upheavals, they would doubtless have been one of the most stable sides in the tournament: almost a third of their squad, as well as the manager, are from Steaua Bucharest, the champions of Europe four years ago; added to that number is an even greater number of players, 10, from Dynamo Bucharest, the national champions.

Emmerich Jenei earned promotion after Steaua's victory over Barcelona in Seville. He brought the bulk of the army club with him, and together they ended two decades of failure by qualifying as the winners of a group which included Denmark, the strongest nation left outside the World Cup finals.

One incident in the game against the Danes, though, could prove costly. Hagi, known as "The Maradona of the Carpathians" and one of the most intelligent midfield players in the world, was sent off and is suspended from their opening, and potentially crucial, tie against the Soviet Union on Saturday.

Hagi and Lacatus, a colleague at Steaua and the nation's most productive forward, are to be sold after the World Cup "to finance the reconstruction of sports facilities." Hagi seems destined for Real Madrid in Spain, where he has already agreed to move after the World Cup finals in a seven-figure deal, but several Italian clubs, notably AC Milan and Torino, still have hopes of enticing him away from the Bernabéu at the last minute.

Romania require an encouraging start, especially as they are to close the first round against Argentina in Naples, the adopted home town of Maradona. But the Romanians also have a famous name in their midst. Balint's parents, both of whom were fanatical about football, christened him Pele.

GROUP D

WEST GERMANY

IT would be fitting if Franz Beckenbauer, as stylish a man as he was a player, should end his managerial career by leading his country to the ultimate triumph. Such a finale should not be seen as some wild and romantic notion: his side is formidably effective.

He has experimented with numerous variations. In the last 56 internationals he has used 64 different players, and 38 of those have been making their debuts. He tried no fewer than 16 sweepers before deciding that Augenthaler, the oldest member of the squad at 32, should fill Beckenbauer's former role.

In any other country such alterations might be disruptive, but the players are taught the German system from an early age. Other than Augenthaler and Hermann, the rest of the party are all graduates from the under-21 side. They were educated by Bertie Vogts, who is to become the national manager in July.

Beckenbauer regards only one of his choices as indispensable. Matthäus, the captain, is the leader of the orchestra on the pitch; he will be one of the centres of attention off it as well.

With Brehme and Klinsmann, he plays for Inter Milan. The Germans, therefore, will receive the support of the local Milanese club, and the vocal encouragement could be significant. If they win the group, which is a probability rather than a possibility, they will stay in the northern city until the semi-finals.

Characteristically, they did not overly extend themselves in qualifying for the World Cup finals for the twelfth time. The runners-up to the Netherlands, they were unbeaten in six ties. Indeed, they have lost only once since the 1988 European championship, away to the improving French three months ago.

Beckenbauer believes that the decisive game in the group will be the first, against Yugoslavia on Sunday. "I've been impressed with them in our two games against them recently," he said. Colombia and, especially, the United Arab Emirates, cannot be expected to hold the Germans, particularly if they require a point or two to go through to the second round.

COLOMBIA

THE Colombian League programme was so infested with murders, kidnappings and death threats that it was prematurely abandoned. No wonder the national manager, Francisco Maturana, was relieved to have qualified. "We can show the world that there is much more to Colombia than all these stories about drugs and poverty would lead people to believe," he said.

He could achieve his aim, and may even have been assisted by the government's decision to suspend the domestic season after Alvaro Ortega, a 27-year-old referee who had officiated in a mere 13 games, was gunned down in Medellin last November. Maturana was given more time to prepare for the tournament, which Colombia was to have hosted in 1986.

Even so, the build-up has been interrupted. His own life was threatened during a tournament in Miami earlier this year by a group calling itself "The Cleansers of Colombian Soccer." His squad, assembled in January, was temporarily disbanded, but has since undergone an intensive training schedule. Even so, the team promises to be among the least experienced in the finals.

Iguaran, a 33-year-old forward, is the lone survivor from the qualifying competition four years ago. Valderrama, Hoyos and Gomez are the only members to have been capped before 1987. The Colombians, who have never won the South American title, also have a limited history in international competition.

During their only previous appearance in the World Cup they gained one point, and only because they scored three goals in the closing 22 minutes against the Soviet Union in 1962. Hopes of improving their record are based heavily on the representatives of one club, Atlético Nacional, which is managed by Maturana.

The first Colombian team to win the Libertadores Cup, Atlético went on to take AC Milan to extra time before losing 1-0 in the world club championship last December.

"We'll make it hard for everybody," Maturana said. He knows enough about pain and how it can be inflicted: he is a qualified dentist.

YUGOSLAVIA

THE quality of the dangerous second seeds, officially rated as the fifth strongest nation in Europe, is spread from one corner of the continent to the other. No country has exported more players and coaches. The figure has been estimated at 450 in the last 18 years.

The most renowned domicile, Stojković, is about to join the exodus. A precocious talent, selected for the Rest of the World at Wembley three years ago when only 22, he will join Marseilles for £3 million this summer.

The sum represents a huge profit for Red Star Belgrade. They bought him from Radnicki Nis in exchange for a set of floodlights. The fee was apt: Stojković illuminated Yugoslavia's midfield in the qualifying competition, during which they dropped only two points — they were held in Scotland and in France — in eight ties.

He is an established member of a side which has otherwise featured comparative elders. Susić, recalled in 1988 after an absence of four years during which he won the French League and Cup with Paris St Germain, is 35. Hadzibegić is 33, the Vujović twins are 31, and Janković is 30.

The promise of the nation's younger players has already been confirmed. Prosinečki, a substitute against both England's junior and senior sides last December, was voted the best young player of the under-18 World Cup, won by Yugoslavia in Chile two years ago.

In spite of their undoubted individual ability, an equally obvious flaw runs through their collective temperament, as was graphically illustrated during the opening stages of a decisive European championship qualifying tie against England in Belgrade in 1987. Psychologically, they cracked instantly, and yielded four goals in half an hour.

Ivan Osim, then on the edge of dismissal, has since restored his and Yugoslavia's reputation, but he concedes that Yugoslavia "are not so good when we are not motivated." A professor of mathematics, he has had to subtract one of his regular midfield players, the suspended Bazdarević, from his calculations.

UAE

SIX months ago, Mario Zagalo realistically appraised the strength of a nation which rivals the United States as the weakest in the competition. "Three teams in Asia, South Korea, China and Saudi Arabia, are on paper much better than us," the then manager said. "It is a miracle that we have qualified."

The Brazilian was only marginally overstating the case. China, leading 1-0 in their closing game in the Asian play-offs, were a mere three minutes away from joining the South Koreans in the finals. Qatar, who had been credited with only two goals in their four previous ties, then scored twice.

Having so unexpectedly been ushered through, the Emirates have stumbled into chaos almost as deep as that being experienced by Costa Rica. In January, Zagalo was dismissed, amid a welter of acrimonious accusations, officially for taking too long a holiday in his homeland.

Bernard Blaut, the Polish assistant manager in the 1982 and 1986 World Cups, was appointed as his successor. But by March he had gone, too. Wretched performances in the Gulf Cup, culminating in a 6-1 humiliation by Kuwait, were given as the reasons for his dismissal.

The Federation turned to Carlos Alberto Perreira, another Brazilian, who had originally been recruited three years ago before being lured away by the Saudi Arabians, to lead the side again. Without any outstanding individuals, he has little option but to rely on the system built by his fellow countryman.

Zagalo said: "We are coming mainly for experience." Perreira, with a choice limited to the representatives of only 23 affiliated clubs, cannot realistically raise expectations any higher. The nation has, after all, never before genuinely challenged for honours in Asia, or even in the Gulf.

But for the initial influence of Don Revie, who left the England managership in 1977 to go to Dubai, they might still be wandering comparatively aimlessly in the desert.

The youth policy Revie developed would seem to be bearing fruit, and now represents a significant, albeit small, oasis.

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How the finalists reached Italy

Italy, as hosts, Argentina, as holders, and 22 qualifiers will contest the World Cup finals

EUROPE

Group one

Romania qualify

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	6	4	1	1	10	5	9
Denmark	6	3	2	1	15	6	8
Greece	6	1	2	3	3	15	4
Bulgaria	6	1	1	4	6	8	3

RESULTS: Greece 1, Denmark 1; Denmark 1, Bulgaria 1; Romania 3, Greece 0; Denmark 1, Bulgaria 1; Greece 0, Romania 0; Bulgaria 0, Denmark 2; Romania 1, Bulgaria 0; Denmark 7, Greece 1; Bulgaria 4, Greece 0; Denmark 3, Romania 0; Greece 1, Bulgaria 0; Romania 3, Denmark 1.

Group two

Sweden and England qualify

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	6	4	2	0	9	3	10
England	6	3	3	0	10	0	9
Poland	6	2	1	3	4	8	5
Albania	6	0	0	6	3	15	0

RESULTS: England 0, Sweden 0; Poland 1, Albania 0; Albania 1, Sweden 2; Albania 0, England 2; England 5, Albania 0; Sweden 2, Poland 1; England 3, Poland 0; Sweden 0, England 0; Sweden 3, Albania 1; Poland 0, England 0; Poland 0, Sweden 2; Albania 1, Poland 2.

Group three

Soviet Union and Austria qualify

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	8	4	3	1	11	4	11
Austria	8	3	3	2	9	9	9
Turkey	8	3	1	4	12	10	7
E Germany	8	3	1	4	9	13	7
Iceland	8	1	4	3	6	11	6

RESULTS: Iceland 1, Soviet Union 1; Turkey 1, Iceland 1; Soviet Union 2, Austria 0; East Germany 2, Iceland 0; Austria 3, Turkey 2; Turkey 3, East Germany 1; East Germany 0, Turkey 2; Soviet Union 3, East Germany 0; Turkey 0, Soviet Union 1; East Germany 1, Austria 1; Soviet Union 1, Iceland 1; Iceland 0, Austria 0; Austria 2, Iceland 1; Austria 0, Soviet Union 0; Iceland 0, East Germany 3; Iceland 2, Turkey 1; East Germany 2, Soviet Union 1; Turkey 3, Austria 0; Austria 3, E Germany 0; Soviet Union 2, Turkey 0.

Group four

Netherlands and West Germany qualify

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Netherlands	6	4	2	0	8	2	10
W Germany	6	3	3	0	13	3	9
Finland	6	1	1	4	4	15	3
Wales	6	0	2	4	4	6	2

RESULTS: Finland 0, West Germany 4; Netherlands 1, Wales 0; Wales 2, Finland 2; West Germany 0, Netherlands 0; Netherlands 1, West Germany 1; Wales 0, West Germany 0; Finland 0, Netherlands 1; Finland 1, Wales 0; West Germany 6, Finland 1; Wales 1, Netherlands 2; West Germany 2, Wales 1; Netherlands 3, Finland 0.

Group five

Yugoslavia and Scotland qualify

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	8	6	2	0	16	6	14
Scotland	8	4	2	2	12	12	10
France	8	3	3	2	10	7	9
Norway	8	2	2	4	10	9	6
Cyprus	8	0	1	7	6	20	1

RESULTS: Norway 1, Scotland 2; France 1, Norway 0; Scotland 1, Yugoslavia 1; Cyprus 1, France 1; Cyprus 0, Norway 3; Yugoslavia 3, France 2; Yugoslavia 4, Cyprus 0; Cyprus 2, Scotland 3; Scotland 2, France 0; Scotland 2, Cyprus 1; France 0, Yugoslavia 0; Norway 3, Cyprus 1; Norway 1, Yugoslavia 2; Norway 1, France 1; Yugoslavia 3, Scotland 1; France 3, Scotland 0; Yugoslavia 1, Norway 0; Cyprus 1, Yugoslavia 2; Scotland 1, Norway 1; France 2, Cyprus 0.

Group six

Spain and Republic of Ireland qualify

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	8	6	1	1	20	3	13
Rep of Ire	8	5	2	1	10	2	12
Hungary	8	2	4	2	8	12	8
N Ireland	8	2	1	5	6	12	5
Malta	8	0	2	6	3	16	2

RESULTS: Northern Ireland 3, Malta 0; Northern Ireland 0, Republic of Ireland 0; Hungary 1, Northern Ireland 0; Spain 2, Republic of Ireland 0; Malta 2, Hungary 2; Spain 4, Northern Ireland 0; Malta 0, Spain 2; Northern Ireland 0, Spain 2; Hungary 0, Republic of Ireland 0; Spain 4, Malta 0; Hungary 1, Malta 1; Malta 0, Northern Ireland 2; Republic of Ireland 1, Spain 0; Republic of Ireland 2, Malta 0; Republic of Ireland 2, Hungary 0; Northern Ireland 1, Hungary 2; Republic of Ireland 3, Northern Ireland 0; Hungary 2, Spain 2; Spain 4, Hungary 0; Malta 0, Republic of Ireland 2.

Group seven

Belgium and Czechoslovakia qualify

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	8	4	4	0	15	5	12
Czechoslovakia	8	5	2	1	13	3	12
Portugal	8	4	2	2	11	8	10
Switzerland	8	2	1	5	10	14	5
Luxembourg	8	0	1	7	3	22	1

RESULTS: Luxembourg 1, Switzerland 4; Luxembourg 0, Czechoslovakia 2; Belgium 1, Switzerland 0; Czechoslovakia 0, Belgium 0; Portugal 1, Luxembourg 0; Portugal 1, Belgium 1; Portugal 3, Switzerland 1; Belgium 2, Czechoslovakia 1; Czechoslovakia 4, Luxembourg 0; Luxembourg 0, Belgium 5; Switzerland 0, Czechoslovakia 1; Belgium 3, Portugal 0; Switzerland 1, Portugal 2; Czechoslovakia 2, Portugal 1; Luxembourg 0, Portugal 3; Switzerland 2, Belgium 2; Belgium 1, Luxembourg 1; Czechoslovakia 3, Switzerland 0; Portugal 0, Czechoslovakia 0; Switzerland 2, Luxembourg 1.

OCEANIA

No qualifier; Israel defeated by Colombia in play-off

SECOND ROUND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Israel	4	1	3	0	5	4	5
Australia	4	1	2	1	6	5	4
New Zealand	4	1	1	2	5	7	3

RESULTS: Israel 1, New Zealand 0; Australia 4, New Zealand 1; Israel 1, Australia 1; New Zealand 2, Australia 0; New Zealand 2, Israel 2; Australia 1, Israel 1.

PLAY-OFF: Colombia 1, Israel 0; Israel 0, Colombia 0.

AFRICA

Egypt and Cameroon qualify

SECOND ROUND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Algeria	4	3	1	0	6	1	7
Ivory Coast	4	1	2	1	5	1	4
Zimbabwe	4	0	1	3	1	10	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Egypt	6	3	2	1	6	2	8
Liberia	6	2	2	2	2	3	6
Malawi	6	1	3	2	3	4	5
Kenya	6	1	3	2	2	4	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cameroon	6	4	1	1	9	6	9
Nigeria	6	3	1	2	7	5	7
Angola	6	1	2	3	6	7	4
Gabon	6	2	0	4	5	9	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tunisia	6	3	1	2	5	5	7
Zambia	6	3	0	3	7	8	6
Zaire	6	2	2	2	7	7	6
Morocco	6	1	3	2	4	5	5

THIRD ROUND

Two-leg play-offs, aggregate winners qualify for finals

First leg: Algeria 0, Egypt 0; Cameroon 2, Tunisia 0. Second leg: Egypt 1, Algeria 0; Tunisia 0, Cameroon 1.

CONCACAF

(North and Central America)

Costa Rica and United States qualify.

THIRD ROUND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Costa Rica	8	5	1	2	10	6	11
United States	8	4	3	1	6	3	11
Trinidad	8	3	3	2	7	5	9
Guatemala	6	1	1	4	4	7	3
El Salvador	6	0	2	4	2	8	2

RESULTS: Guatemala 1, Costa Rica 0; Costa Rica 2, Guatemala 1; Costa Rica 1, United States 0; United States 1, Costa Rica 0; United States 1, Trinidad and Tobago 1; Trinidad and Tobago 1, Costa Rica 1; Costa Rica 1, Trinidad and Tobago 0; United States 2, Guatemala 1; El Salvador 2, Costa Rica 4; Costa Rica 1, El Salvador 0; Trinidad and Tobago 2, El Salvador 0; El Salvador 0, Trinidad and Tobago 0; Guatemala 0, Trinidad and Tobago 1; Trinidad and Tobago 2, Guatemala 1; El Salvador 0, United States 1; Guatemala 0, United States 0; United States 0, El Salvador 0; Trinidad and Tobago 0, United States 1; Guatemala v El Salvador and El Salvador v Guatemala not played.

ASIA

South Korea and United Arab Emirates qualify

SECOND ROUND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S Korea	5	3	2	0	5	1	8
UAE	5	1	4	0	4	3	6
Qatar	5	1	3	1	4	5	5
China	5	2	0	3	5	8	4
Saudi Arabia	5	1	2	2	4	5	4
N Korea	5	1	1	3	2	4	3

RESULTS: UAE 0, North Korea 0; China 2, Saudi Arabia 1; South Korea 0, Qatar 0; Qatar 1, Saudi Arabia 1; South Korea 1, North Korea 0; China 1, UAE 2; China 0, South Korea 1; North Korea 2, Qatar 0; Saudi Arabia 0, UAE 0; UAE 1, Qatar 1; North Korea 0, China 1; Saudi Arabia 0, South Korea 2; UAE 1, South Korea 1; Saudi Arabia 2, North Korea 0; Qatar 2, China 1.

SOUTH AMERICA

Uruguay, Brazil, and Colombia qualify

Group one

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Uruguay	4	3	0	1	7	2	6
Bolivia	4	3	0	1	6	5	6
Peru	4	0	0	4	2	8	0

RESULTS: Bolivia 2, Peru 1; Peru 0, Uruguay 2; Bolivia 2, Uruguay 1; Peru 1, Bolivia 2; Uruguay 2, Bolivia 0; Uruguay 2, Peru 0.

Group two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colombia	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
Paraguay	4	2	0	4	6	7	4
Ecuador	4	1	1	2	4	5	3

RESULTS: Colombia 2, Ecuador 0; Paraguay 2, Colombia 1; Ecuador 0, Colombia 0; Paraguay 2, Ecuador 1; Colombia 2, Paraguay 1; Ecuador 3, Paraguay 1.

Group three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	4	3	1	0	13	1	7
Chile	4	2	1	1	9	4	5
Venezuela	4	0	0	4	1	18	0

RESULTS: Venezuela 0, Brazil 4; Venezuela 1, Chile 3; Chile 1, Brazil 1; Brazil 6, Venezuela 0; Chile 5, Venezuela 0; Brazil 1, Chile 0 (abandoned after 65mins; Brazil awarded 2-0 victory).

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GROUP C

SCOTLAND

THE Scottish understanding of football as an extension of the country's history will again be vividly evident when Scotland take the field against Costa Rica in the Luigi Ferraris Stadium in Genoa on June 8 for their opening match in Group C.

Amid the jumble of colourful and inventive banners, a feature of the Scottish supporters in their World Cup array, will be the usual exhortations to remember Bannockburn. To emphasise the point, there will be rousing bellowing of the newly adopted Scottish anthem, the Flower of Scotland, the chorus of which celebrates the same encounter. It is, in its way, a peculiarly bizarre spectacle.

However, since the World Cup finals have succeeded victory over England as the apex of Scottish footballing achievement, the tartan legions might find a more sustaining metaphor in Bruce's encounter with the inspirational spider. In West Germany, Argentina, Spain and Mexico, the Scots were frustrated by elimination in the first round. Now, in their fifth consecutive appearance in the finals, Scotland's chances of proceeding to the second stage seem to be slimmer than before.

Yet an obstinate optimism persists in Andy Roxburgh's declaration that his squad is capable of going further in the tournament than any of its predecessors.

To the neutral observer such a claim must appear to emphasise bravado, especially in the light of Scotland's record of one victory from their past seven fixtures. Roxburgh agrees that the Scots have not signalled the kind of form which is likely to overwhelm any of their section rivals with apprehension. "They have been watching all our preparatory matches and they're all scratching their heads. No wonder, we've never been able to field the same side twice," he said after Scotland's final domestic warm-up fixtures, against Egypt and Poland, which ended in a 3-1 defeat and a 1-1 draw respectively.

To add to the confusion, Scotland have exhibited the Jekyll and Hyde syndrome throughout their approach. The first five qualifying matches produced an impressive sequence of results, Scotland gaining nine points out of a possible 10, with Johnston accumulating six goals which, added to his two in the previous tournament, set a new Scottish World Cup scoring record.

From their remaining three qualifying fixtures, however, Scotland took only a single point, in a decidedly nervous home encounter with Norway in which Leighton was beaten by a speculative 35-yard shot which brought a Norwegian equaliser in injury time.

This remarkable behaviour continued in the preparatory matches, when Scotland produced accomplished football to beat the admittedly debilitated world champions, Argentina, before losing to East Germany and Egypt, and drawing with Poland. Which of these contradictory faces will Scotland display in Italy?

Any realistic view must take account of the fact that the Scots have become accident prone, the testimony of which is a total of four own goals in seven fixtures, while the defence has proved disturbingly vulnerable to both direct running and aerial assault. At the same time, the scoring rate of the forwards has declined abruptly, a combination which suggests that Scotland are very likely to fulfil their provisional departure date from Italy on June 22.

Nevertheless, Roxburgh and his assistant, Craig Brown, insist that they are not unduly perturbed. "Towards the end of our qualifying matches the players undoubtedly felt the impact of the pressure of reaching the finals for the fifth time in a row," Roxburgh said. "They did not want to be known as the team which failed to keep the record going, and naturally that led to a certain amount of tension and hesitancy. But we got through, and when you reach the World Cup finals, nobody is too concerned about how you did it.

"Then we played our warm-up matches and although, of course, we would have liked to have won them all, we took the opportunity to try things we would never have dreamed of attempting in the finals. The players learned about the jobs they will have to do in Italy, and we discovered areas which we could improve.

"We are just as determined to do well as we were at the beginning, and we are just as confident that we know what our best team is and that nobody, and I mean nobody, will find us easy meat in the finals."

Certainly, if homework and methodical preparation mean anything, the Scots are better equipped than on their previous expeditions. But their route to the second stage allows for no margin of error. Costa Rica must be beaten and, if the Scots are to qualify amongst the best third-placed teams, they will surely require a winning margin of three goals in their opening match.

Scotland and Sweden agree that the fixture on June 16, also in the Ferraris Stadium, is crucial for the fortunes of each. If Scotland win, their progress is likely to be guaranteed, and the contest between Johnston, of Rangers, and Hysen, of Liverpool, seems likely to be the key encounter.

Scotland will play with five in defence, and, in the absence of the injured Cooper, look to Johnston and his Rangers colleague, McCoist, to decorate the more homely efforts of their colleagues. As for the supporters, the Tartan Army will muster in numbers once more, with 15,000 or so to be found in boisterous ranks in Genoa and Turin, and the recent and uncharacteristic mood of introspection will be cast off when the banners unfurl against Costa Rica.

The Scottish followers are acutely aware that in four consecutive appearances in the World Cup finals their team has managed a scant three victories, against Zaire, New Zealand and the Netherlands. They know, too, as Roxburgh does, that in world terms, the latest collection of Scottish players is ordinary. Having embraced a becoming realism, all that they ask now is for a degree of luck, of the merely ordinary variety.

Roddy Forsyth

Target man: McCoist must decorate the more homely efforts of his colleagues if Scotland are to succeed in Italy

Scotland squad

JIM LEIGHTON: Manchester United, born July 24, 1958, goalkeeper. First choice goalkeeper until this season. Confidence weakened by omission from FA Cup final replay. 55 caps.

ANDY GORAM: Hibernian, born April 13, 1964, goalkeeper. Set to take over from Leighton, but error cost Scotland a goal in final warm-up match against Malta. Nine caps.

BRYAN GUNN: Norwich City, born December 22, 1963, goalkeeper. Nervous international debut in Scotland's 3-1 defeat by Egypt. A last-resort choice in Italy. One cap.

RICHARD GOUGH: Rangers, born April 5, 1962, defender. Believes best position to be in central defence but, barring injuries, will be employed at right full back. Advances upfield to effect. 49 caps.

GARY GILLESPIE: Liverpool, born July 5, 1960, central defender. Favourite of management because of long, telling forward passes. 11 caps.

ALEX McLEISH: Aberdeen, born January 21, 1959, central defender. More expressive during Willie Miller's absence. 70 caps.

CRAIG LEVEIN: Heart of Midlothian, born October 22, 1964, central defender. Cultured footballer whose career seemed ended by leg injury in 1988. Recovery should be marked by a place alongside Gillespie and McLeish. Five caps.

DAVID McPHERSON: Heart of Midlothian, born January 28, 1964, central defender. Commanding in the air. Club partnership with Levein has had much to do with Hearts' sustained challenge. Cover player for Scotland. Four caps.

STEWART McKIMMIE: Aberdeen, born October 27, 1962, full back. Prefers to advance rather than act as tight marker. First goal for five years was against Argentina two months ago, but injured leg against Egypt. Unlikely to add to four caps.

MAURICE MALPAS: Dundee United, born August 3, 1962, full back. Experienced and steady. More assertive past two seasons. Asset on left flank. 34 caps.

ROY AITKEN: Newcastle United, born November 24, 1958, defensive midfield player. Dominant and inspirational. 53 caps.

PAUL McSTAY: Celtic, born October 22, 1964, midfield. Excellent vision but rarely displays assertiveness. 46 caps.

JIM BETT: Aberdeen, born November 25, 1959. Forceful and intelligent. Prefers central midfield but employed on the left, where talents are more muted. 25 caps.

MURDO McLEOD: Borussia Dortmund, born September 24, 1958, midfield. Comfortable on either foot, is a ball winner with a powerful shot. 16 caps.

STUART McCALL: Everton, born June 10, 1964, midfield. A newcomer who has impressed. Continues the tradition of combative, red-haired players in the centre. Five caps.

GARY McALLISTER: Leicester City, born December 25, 1964. Introduced to effect in midfield. Valuable ability to orchestrate dead ball tactics. Three caps.

JOHN COLLINS: Hibernian, born January 31, 1968. Left-sided player whose development has been pleasing. Included mainly for experience. Three caps.

MAURICE JOHNSTON: Rangers, born April 13, 1963, forward. Easily the most gifted Scottish forward. Technique advanced considerably in two years with Nantes. 33 caps.

ALLY McCOIST: Rangers, born September 24, 1962, forward. Ebullient and likeable, but displays a debilitating anxiety in front of goal. 23 caps.

ALAN McINALLY: Bayern Munich, born February 10, 1963, forward. Attacker who was eclipsed by Johnston and Brian McClair at Celtic, but has blossomed at Aston Villa and Bayern. Powerful and direct but not aggressive. Seven caps.

GORDON DURIE: Chelsea, born December 6, 1965, forward. Powerful foraging attacker whose consistency has been reduced by injury. Six caps.

ROBERT FLECK: Norwich City, born August 11, 1965, forward. Small and pacy. Described by Andy Roxburgh as "a bloody nuisance to defenders", may be deployed against Sweden's Hysen. One cap.

BRAZIL

NOBODY should necessarily expect the Brazilians to bring golden shafts of sunlight to the tournament. Sebastiao Lazaroni, the first national manager to introduce a sweeper system, has foresaken their natural carefree ways for a more disciplined and organised approach. His policy makes them even stronger contenders for the title.

Lazaroni, the 39-year-old former goalkeeper, has his critics. Socrates, the country's former captain, says that the methods are "too rigid".

"He has limited our characteristic flair," he said. But to good effect. His side recently defeated Italy in Sardinia, and lost narrowly to England at Wembley, where they appeared to be less than fully extended.

They also inflicted a defeat on the Netherlands, who had been unbeaten since claiming the European crown. The only country to cross the Atlantic and win the World Cup, they promise again to lead the challenge from outside the continent.

Almost all of Lazaroni's squad play abroad, including nine of his starting line-up against the Dutch. He may not be able regularly to gather them together for practice sessions, but their extensive knowledge of European ways offers more than adequate compensation. The new defensive formation is not foreign to them.

Careca, who also broke a bone in his foot in January, and the equally prolific Muller are expected initially to lead the attack on Sunday. Their opponents, Sweden, must be wary above all of conceding free kicks anywhere near their own area.

Lazaroni declares that he "doesn't want to underestimate people but I think we will be in the final". He even goes as far as to forecast that Italy will be the opponents in Rome on July 8. The queue of those disputing his claim would not stretch too far.

COSTA RICA

OFFICIALS have been changed so often and so suddenly that it is a wonder they found the right road to Italy. Even though they have arrived, they are still surrounded by so much bewildering confusion that they are surely bound to lose their way in the first round.

Since the qualifying competition began, they have been led by three different presidents. That would be unsettling enough but they have also been guided by four different managers — Bora Milutinovic is the new incumbent.

Marvin Rodriguez, a manager reputedly paid £5,000 amonth, was eventually responsible for lifting them to the top of the CONCACAF group. They opened by losing in Guatemala, but their place in the finals was assured well before the close.

But Rodriquez soon followed in the well-trodden footsteps of his predecessors (Gustavo di Simone, a Uruguayan, and Antonio Moyana, a Spaniard). He was dismissed after Chivas, a Mexican second division club, beat the national side 1-0 in February. Cesar Luis Menotti, the Argentine, declined an invitation to be his successor.

Milutinovic accepted. The Yugoslav was the manager of Mexico four years ago when they reached their highest standing in the World Cup.

As long as the players are able to adjust to yet another coach speaking in yet another language, they could mark their World Cup debut by stretching Scotland in Genoa on Monday night. Thereafter, their defence could sink into as much turbulence as has the team over the past year.

Flores, a central defender, must in particular play a captain's role against Brazil and Sweden. Cayasso is regarded as their best midfield player, Medford as a dangerous winger and Coronado as the most productive forward.

SWEDEN

THEY were once rated by Bobby Robson as the strongest team in Europe but his opinion was offered more than two years ago after they had won the Berlin Tournament. Although they finished above England at the top of the qualifying group, they have since declined in stature.

In 1988, they were protected at the back by Hysen and Larsson, central defenders who had represented the rest of the world in the Football League centenary game the previous year. They were guided in midfield by Prytz, who played for Malmö against Nottingham Forest in the European Cup final when he was only 19, and Strömberg.

Their defence remains sufficiently secure (they were unbeaten in their six qualifying ties) but their attack has diminished. Prytz and Strömberg, both of whom are with Italian clubs, lost form and were dropped, and they are now without Hellström, who had been their most productive forward.

He collided with his own goalkeeper in training in January, broke a leg in two places and was ruled out. Nevertheless, Olle Nordin, the fifth national manager since the job was created in 1962, is confident that his side will reach the second round.

They will probably do so, but they are unlikely to follow an adventurous route. "Our strikers used to work like slaves in defence", Nordin said. "Now our defenders help to create openings and overall we are trying to be less cautious than we were."

Hysen does not fear the prospect of playing Brazil in Turin on Sunday. "We are fortunate to meet the Brazilians early on when they are likely to be cautious," he said. "With luck, we could take a point from the Scots. They are not so much of a worry because they cannot run in that heat. By the time we meet Costa Rica, they could be exhausted."

GROUP E

BELGIUM

GUY Thys, who retired in 1988 after being in charge of a century of internationals spanning a dozen years, was recalled as the national manager only three months ago. Thus he succeeded, as well as preceeded, Walter Meeuws.

The timing and the circumstances of Meeuws's dismissal are similar to that of Eduard Malofeyev on the eve of the World Cup four years ago. He was sacked because it was thought that his Soviet Union players from Kiev and Tblisi, who formed most of the squad, were not inspired by the Muscovite.

The same accusations were heard in October when Belgium sank into the deepest ignominy. They were held at home by Luxembourg, who had collected not a single World Cup qualifying point since beating Turkey in 1973. Although the outcome was irrelevant, a stern warning was issued by the President.

"If it ever emerges that players deliberately performed below their best", Michel Dhooghe said, "then that will be the last time they will have played for Belgium." Meeuws, apparently absolved of blame, was officially offered "support and confidence". He should then have forseen his own eventual fate.

It was confirmed after a defeat in Greece and a dire goalless draw against Sweden. Thys, having rejected an approach from the South Koreans, agreed to return and has inherited a lively attack.

It features Degryse and van der Linden, a pair of forwards who took Anderlecht to the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup, and Ceulemans, aged 33, who has won most Belgian caps.

But adventure and virtuosity and not national characteristics and it was significant that the footballer of the year should be Preud'homme, a goalkeeper.

URUGUAY

THE explosive punch they pack is not always delivered legitimately. Their forwards are fearsome but, in spite of the intentions of their manager, they are still inclined to hide their talent behind physical aggression. Should they maintain their discipline, they could themselves be difficult to knock out.

Oscar Washington Tabarez has had to shape his squad from long distance. Almost all of his players are attached to foreign clubs in Europe and elsewhere in South America and, because of political upheavals and a consequent lack of financial support, he has largely been confined to his own homeland.

Before the recent tour, Uruguay had played against only one European nation (they drew 1-1 against Italy last year) since 1986. Their experience was inevitably individual rather than collective but results over the past few months indicate that Tabarez has been able to redress the balance and form a potentially solid unit.

In February they won the Marlboro Cup in Miami, a competition featuring three other World Cup finalists — Colombia, Costa Rica and the United States. More notably, they then held West Germany 3-3 in Stuttgart, where a goalkeeping error cost them victory, and last month they broke England's sequence of 17 unbeaten games.

Their strength lies in a quick and elusive attack. Sosa, who was voted the best player of last year's South American championship, Francescoli, Alzamendi and Aguilera, all carry striking reputations. They led Uruguay to the top of the qualifying group, although they finished above Bolivia only on goal difference.

Tabarez, who accepted the invitation to become the national manager in 1988 two years after rejecting it, says that he is attempting to change the attitude. He forecasts that his side will not be as brutally cynical as in the last World Cup. They left Mexico in disgrace.

For a country with a population of only three million, they have a surprisingly strong tradition in the tournament and especially at the start of every other decade. They won the title in 1930, when they were the hosts, again in 1950 and they finished fourth in 1970.

In spite of their international success, their own game is dwindling. The number of registered professional players in a first division which included only 13 clubs last year dropped by 65 to 275. The average wage of the players is little more than £150 a month. In Uruguay, the grass roots of the game would seem to be dying.

SOUTH KOREA

THE champions of Asia could be the tallest of the dwarfs. Their unorthodox technique, featuring natural balance and athleticism, has been described as a mixture of kung-fu and disco dancing.

During a protracted schedule of 11 qualifying ties, they scored 30 goals, conceded only one and remained unbeaten. Their progress is remarkable. Although the game was introduced in 1882 by the crew of a British war ship, it was not until a decade ago that a tiny professional domestic league was founded.

In reaching successive finals, they have experience as well as ability. Their manager, Lee Hoe-Tik, is reinforcing their power too. The members of his squad have recently had to endure a special weight training programme.

The Hwarang, as the side is called in honour of the young warriors who inhabited the country between the 6th and 10th centuries, would have won a tournament in Malta in February had they not conceded two goals in the last three minutes. They went down 3-2 to Norway.

Choi Soon-Ho, a midfield player whose salary of £8,000 a month is the highest in South Korea, sounds the most imaginative. So assured is he of eventual glory in Italy's capital city on July 8 that when his son was born a couple of years ago, he named him Roma.

SPAIN

ACCORDING to an appealing local proverb, if a Spaniard bought a circus, the midgets would start growing. The theme of misfortune is appropriate in view of their fate since they qualified ahead of the only side to beat them, the Republic of Ireland. Things have gone from bad to worse for a country which has a football following as enthusiastic and demanding as any in the world.

The Spanish were first infuriated to learn that England were to be offered the sixth and last place among the top seeds. They were further dispirited to be drawn in arguably the strongest group. Not only that, their most awkward game is their first, against Uruguay in Udine next Wednesday.

Luis Suarez, their manager, did not care to disguise his emotions. "I'm very unhappy", he said. "If we don't finish at the top of the group, we will inevitably go on to face tough opposition. The key to the first round will be whether we can beat the Uruguayans."

Leaning on youth rather than experience, he has based his squad on those who won the European under-21 title four years ago. The average number of caps is only 15 and 10 of his chosen men have made fewer than a dozen appearances. The policy, though adventurous, is potentially dangerous.

So is his principal forward. The predatory instincts of Butragueño are so natural that he is known far beyond the confines of Madrid as "The Vulture". Suarez, though, has been searching for another bird of prey to accompany him.

The present incumbent, Manolo, is an unusual breed in one striking sense: stocky and elusive, he is more prolific for his country (he claimed the lone goal, for example, in a recent victory over Czechoslovakia) than for his club, Atlético Madrid. The other positional worry for Suarez lies at the heart of the defence, where Sanchis and Andrinua are no longer automatic choices.

Of the 19 debutants introduced by Suarez within his first 15 months, half a dozen of them were central defenders. Spain conceded only three goals in their eight qualifying ties, a statistic which indicates that they could yet be sufficiently secure to progress further than usual in international competition.

Even in the World Cup of 1982, which was staged on their own home grounds, they won only one of their five games. They reached the finals of the three European championships during the last decade but, in spite of being the runners up in 1984 when they were also the hosts, they have overall claimed only two victories in 11 ties.

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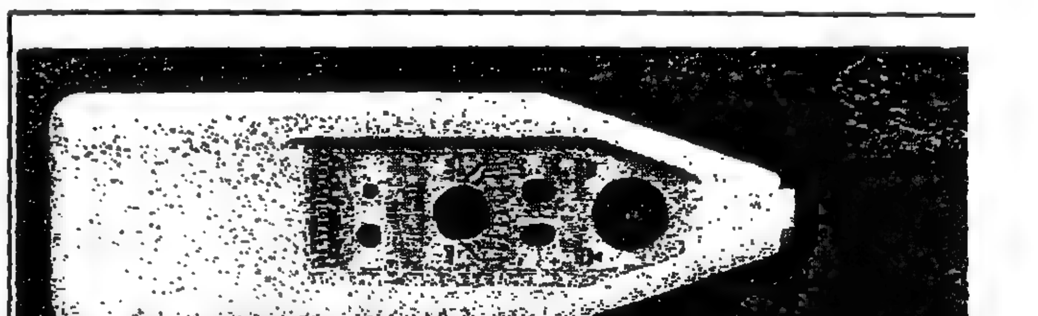

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WORLD CUP

GROUP F

ENGLAND

BOBBY Robson has already written the ideal epitaph to his England managerial career. When asked last week whether he might change his mind about his resignation, he responded with a smile and without a moment's hesitation: "What a beautiful way to retire," he said, "to go out by winning the World Cup."

The statement might seem a glib line from a script prepared once he was aware that his intentions were to be prematurely revealed. Conveniently, it would assure his players, the media, and the nation that his impending departure would not deflect him from his aim.

But only the cynics and the outsiders would have doubted his sincerity. Intrinsically an honest and decent man, if at times a shade naive, his eagerness for England to shine in the World Cup became an obsession when the challenge for the European title turned into a sorry fiasco two summers ago.

After his team had lost all three ties, and returned home with the worst sequence since he took over from Ron Greenwood in 1982, he sat in a sunlit garden in West Germany and defended his position. The victim of savage and unjust criticism, he professed that he still had "a job to do".

The first task was to restore England's reputation, which had been damaged by the Republic of Ireland, the Netherlands and, particularly, when only pride was at stake, the Soviet Union. The second was to qualify for Italy and, once there, to lift the country back to its former stature.

Robson immediately dispensed with several old boys. Sansom, Anderson, Watson, Hoddle, Reid and Hateley were among those whose international careers came to an abrupt end.

To support the new development, Robson retained a central core of experience. Shilton, Butcher, Bryan Robson, Lineker, Beardsley, Barnes and Waddle, were the principal foundations.

Stevens, Pearce, McMahon and Webb continued their education within a settled framework and 18 debutants were brought in, a few at a time, to see if they could make their transition from outstanding club player to competent international. Bobby Robson describes it as "a giant leap". Several fell into the chasm which divides the two levels. Sterland and Phelan were the only defenders to fail the test. Cottee, Harford, Smith, Clough, Marwood, and especially Fashanu also could not instantly convince England's manager.

When the process of elimination was complete, a couple of former favourites were recalled. They were Wright, one of the few blameless individuals in the European championship, and Hodge, one of those who played a part in England's belated revival in the 1986 World Cup.

Of the debutants to have adjusted successfully, Walker has been by far the most convincing. His progress has been so rapid that he is considered the most vital member of the defence. His natural speed has helped to disguise the deficiencies which lie elsewhere amid the back four. Since Walker made his full debut against Greece in February last year, it has been largely unchanged. With Stevens on the right, Pearce on the left, and Butcher as the other central pillar, the unit is built to resist power rather than guile.

Therein lies a flaw. Europeans and South Americans attack not with a tall centre forward and two wingers, but invariably with two sprinters who follow unpredictable paths. One of England's full backs, therefore, has usually been left with no one to mark. As a spare man, he has been more of a creative influence. Neither Stevens nor Pearce is designed for such duties.

It would have been beneficial a year ago to have promoted Dixon on the right and either Dorigo or Winterburn on the left. They are more comfortable on the ball and could by now have been fully integrated into the system.

Bobby Robson might also have experimented with a sweeper, a role which might be filled by Bryan Robson under his successor. Now that several first-division clubs line up with three central defenders, the idea would at least have been worth trying. In the process, the midfield could have been augmented. Webb was established as Bryan Robson's assistant there until he ruptured his Achilles tendon in Sweden last September. His wound also tore apart Bobby Robson's designs. Thereafter he had to consider whether he could afford to select both Barnes and Waddle, as he would have preferred.

No one had been able to take the place of Webb. Thomas was wholly inadequate. McMahon does not have the same vision or ability. Gascoigne is still ill-disciplined. He cannot resist playing the fool, either on or off the pitch, and he will probably emerge as a joker in the pack rather than the ace which Bobby Robson requires.

The manager's attacking plans were also disrupted when Beardsley, the most effective foil for Lineker, was injured two months ago. Barnes, liberated from the restrictions on the wing, has not yet been so productive in the middle. With 52 caps, in his collection, he has not fulfilled the promise he showed in Rio de Janeiro six years ago.

Waddle, potentially an equally fearsome weapon, has been afflicted by the physical and mental strain of being involved in Marseilles's ultimately successful challenge for the French championship. England's strike force, which could be as threatening as any in the world, cannot be considered to be in prime working order.

The defence, which did not concede a goal in the qualifying competition, may appear to be secure. The impression, as the Uruguayans illustrated a fortnight ago when breaking an unbeaten sequence of 17 internationals, is deceptive. England are clearly vulnerable against fleet-footed forwards and swift counterattacks.

Any midfield featuring Gascoigne is as stable as a volcano, and unless Lineker receives the necessary ammunition he will not be as productive as he was in Mexico four years ago.

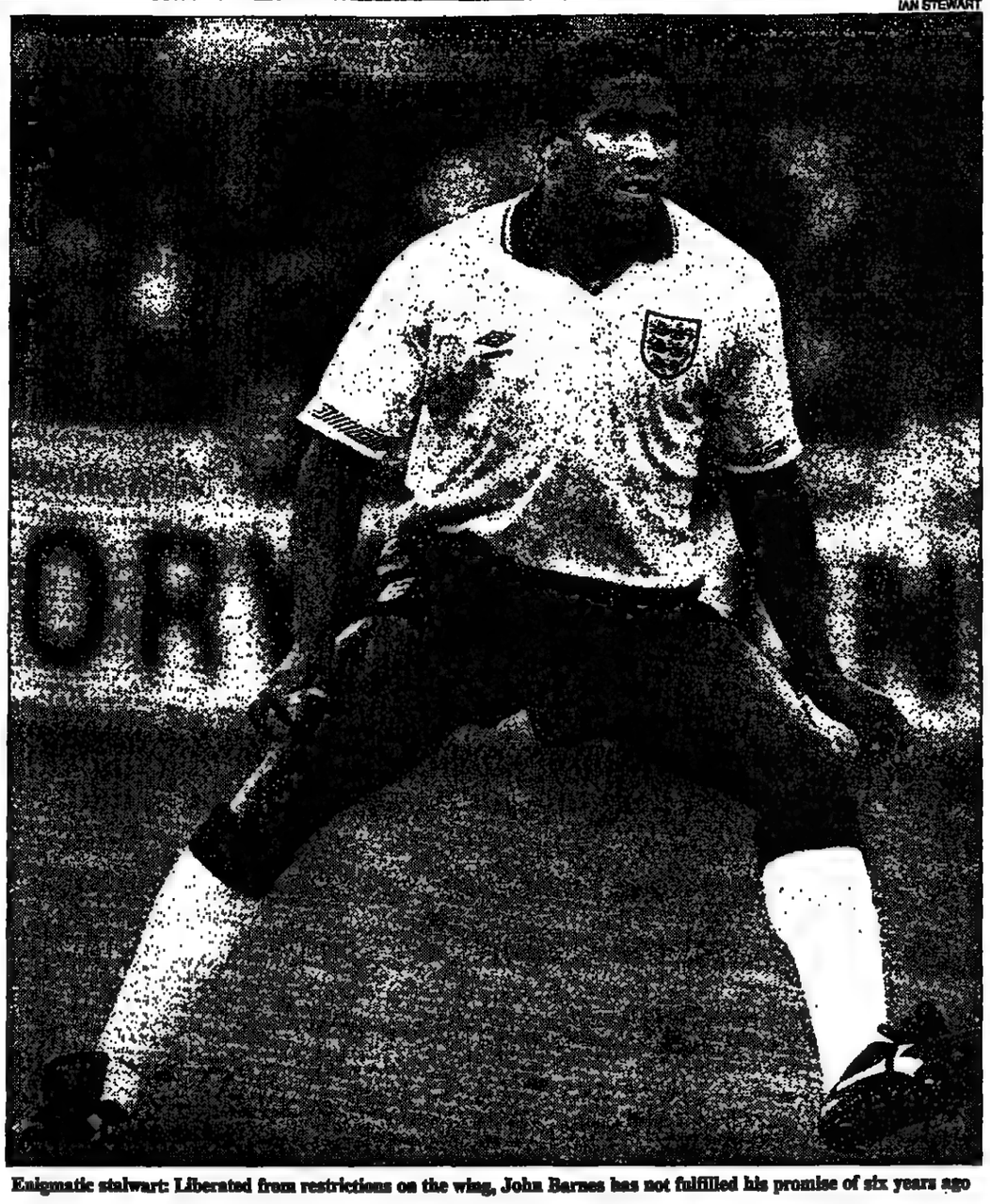
Those are the black clouds lying across Bobby Robson's glorious vision. He depends too heavily on the alertness of Walker, the influence of Bryan Robson, and the instincts of Lineker for England to be rated probable world champions.

Yet if England should gain revenge against the Irish and at least hold the Netherlands, a place among the last 16 would be guaranteed.

Once there, the competition is a lottery. Given the bounce of the ball, Bobby Robson could retire having reinforced England's reputation. To do so, his team would need to reach the last four.

Stuart Jones

IAN STEWART



Enigmatic stalwart: Liberated from restrictions on the wing, John Barnes has not fulfilled his promise of six years ago

England squad

PETER SHILTON: Derby County, aged 40, goalkeeper. England's most-capped player. Playing in third World Cup finals. A European Cup winner with Nottingham Forest in 1979 and 1980, he remains one of the world's top 'keepers. 117 caps.

CHRIS WOODS: Glasgow Rangers, aged 30, goalkeeper. One of the patient reserves waiting for Shilton to retire. Made England debut in 1985 against the United States. A physically strong and commanding keeper and an obsessive trainer. 16 caps.

DAVID SEAMAN: Arsenal, aged 26, goalkeeper. One of the most improved players in the English league. Tall, agile and reliable with a big future predicted. Moved recently from Queen's Park Rangers in a £1.3 million transfer. Three caps.

PAUL PARKER: Queen's Park Rangers, aged 26, defender. Sweeper for his club, but usually used at right back by England. Quick, incisive and intelligent defender lacking only in height and experience. Could be surprise choice. Five caps.

GARY STEVENS: Glasgow Rangers, aged 27, defender. Fit, fast and forward-looking for a right back, but suspect when up against a good winger. Veteran of Mexico 1986. 38 caps.

DES WALKER: Nottingham Forest, aged 24, central defender. Quick, agile, covering defender who has progressed rapidly since 1988 debut. Virtual certainty in alongside Butcher. 17 caps.

TERRY BUTCHER: Glasgow Rangers, aged 31, defender. In third World Cup series. Widely respected as the physical linchpin of the England defence. Tall and powerful in the centre. Makes up in sheer strength what lacks in skill. 71 caps.

STUART PEARCE: Nottingham Forest, aged 28, defender. Fearsome tackler with powerful shot and strong overlapping runs, but prone to wildness and poor positional play. Late entrant to professional football with Coventry in 1983, has made up lost time quickly. 23 caps.

TONY DORIGO: Chelsea, aged 24, defender. Born in Australia, began career on trial at Aston Villa after writing for a chance. Now a composed, skilful and adventurous modern full back. Three caps.

MARK WRIGHT: Derby County, aged 26, central defender. Tall, skilful and attacking with great aerial strength, but dogged by ill-luck and injury. 23 caps.

PAUL GASCOIGNE: Tottenham Hotspur, aged 22, midfield player. England's only exciting creative talent to emerge since 1986, but plagued by immaturity. Gifted with great skill, but lacks pace. Dangerous at free kicks, rarely defends with discipline for a full match, but could be a surprise in the first-choice team. 10 caps.

STEVE HODGE: Nottingham Forest, aged 27, midfield player. Veteran of Mexico 1986 and a driving force on the left of midfield. Capable all-round player with excellent attacking skills. 21 caps.

STEVE McMAHON: Liverpool, aged 28, midfield player. Hard-tackling central deputy for Bryan Robson who can also play alongside him if required. Solid, if unspectacular. 12 caps.

TREVOR STEVEN: Glasgow Rangers, aged 26, midfield player. Polished right-side midfielder with ability to defend, create and attack. Member of England's 1986 team. Can also play in central midfield. 28 caps.

NEIL WEBB: Manchester United, aged 26, midfield player. Just recovered from a ruptured Achilles tendon. Proved fitness in FA Cup final. Intelligent, reliable, but one-paced. 19 caps.

BRYAN ROBSON: Manchester United, aged 33, midfield player. Scorer of quickest goal in 1982 finals. Captain and inspirational mainspring. Wonderful enthusiasm and ability to both defend and attack has masked flagging pace and susceptibility to injury. 84 caps.

JOHN BARNES: Liverpool, aged 28, forward. England's most naturally gifted player and the greatest hope in attack, but tends to drift in and out of international matches. Can be used either as a left-winger or as a central striker. 52 caps.

CHRIS WADDLE: Marseilles, aged 29, forward. In fine form for the finals after a brilliant season with Marseilles. Gangling, awkward-looking winger but a burst of pace and skills to beat any defender. 51 caps.

PETER BEARDSLEY: Liverpool, aged 29, forward. Shot to fame in 1986 as perfect foil to Lineker during the Mexico finals. Skilful, elusive and creative with good scoring skills but often disappointing in terms of goals. 39 caps.

STEVE BULL: Wolverhampton Wanderers, 25, forward. Orthodox English centre forward with three goals in his first four international appearances. Can upset the best defences with direct, forceful approach and powerful shooting. Likely substitute. Six caps.

GARY LINEKER: Tottenham Hotspur, aged 29, forward. Top scorer in Mexico in 1986 with six goals. One of the world's recognised leading marksmen. Top scorer in English first division on return from Barcelona. 50 caps.

DAVID PLATT: Aston Villa, aged 23, utility forward or midfield player. Great progress in past year. Can help stop goals and score them equally well. Four caps.

REP OF IRELAND

THE only surprise about the Republic of Ireland reaching their first World Cup finals is that they have not done so before. Even prior to taking full advantage of the FIFA rule allowing players to declare for the land of their grandfathers, they had regularly produced enough genuine, quality Irishmen to have qualified for two or three finals.

All they needed was a little moulding; some direction. Whether they needed Jack Charlton's type of directness is a moot point. Liam Brady will argue that there is more than one route to success. But however much outsiders, and a growing number of their victims, may moan about the Republic's stereotyped football, any proud Irishman will joyously tell you that the end justifies the means.

If only some of the game's more gifted footballers who have turned manager could impart as much of themselves into their teams as Charlton has into his. But then it will always be harder to create than destroy. As Charlton once said: "I was not a great player, but I could stop others from playing." Not that the Republic are a defensive side: in fact, they do as little defending as possible. But in their attempt to maximise their modest resources, they tend to minimise their opportunity of scoring.

The Charlton theory is: "Do unto others as you would not have them do to you." As a player, he hated to be forced to turn and chase back towards his own goal. Consequently, he asks his own players to do exactly that to opposing defenders.

Convinced that it is impossible to thread ground passes with consistent success through international defences, Charlton has opted for the heavily bludgeoned long ball. As a result, the Republic's games tend to look alike; as they used to say in the old B movies, they are not a pretty sight.

Since Charlton took over they have thrilled me only once with the quality of their football, in the 1-1 draw with the Soviet Union in the European championship finals two years ago.

But the style is successful. In three years, they have been beaten only twice, both times away, and in each case — against the Netherlands and Spain — with reasonable excuse. Landsdowne Road, or to be more precise its quirky pitch, has always been a ground of some foreboding for visitors. Charlton has accentuated even that reputation, and the Republic remain unbeaten in Dublin after 20 games.

There's a lot more to Charlton, though, than neanderthal tactics. He has managed to impress upon his players the importance of organisation, discipline and hard work. But by no means his smallest achievement has been in persuading them to play in a way in which few of them would be prepared to do for their clubs.

Brady, who is about as opposed to the Charlton way of playing as it is possible to be, freely admits that he played his best football for his country under Charlton, which in itself is a small victory for the Charlton method. Aldridge, sometimes described as the Republic's first line of defence, has been prepared to sacrifice his reputation as a goalscorer to widen his contribution to the team. His former Liverpool colleagues, Houghton, Whelan and Staunton, who *know* there is another way to winning, have been similarly won over.

Of course, if you want to have an international career, it helps to do as the manager bids, and few managers are as dogmatic about the way they should play as Charlton. Dissent, and you are lost. Perhaps therein lies the wicked beauty of the man. There is a conviction about him that rings true, and a confidence that rubs off on those around him. "Stick with me, I'm a winner," he seems to say. Seemingly, the magic of 1966 lives on in Charlton.

His comparative indifference towards the game when placed alongside his first love of hunting and fishing serve only to increase the mystique surrounding his managerial powers, much in the same way as it does Brian Clough whenever he takes off on holiday at the height of the football season. Totally absorbed by the game for its duration, Charlton's enthusiasm notably wanes the moment the final whistle blows, whereas he can wax on knowledgeably and often lyrically for hours on end about leaping salmon, or "bars of silver", as he calls them.

A sensitive man, exemplified by the way he walked out of Newcastle United when the hassle of daily club life became too much, he can be guilty of great insensitivity towards others. Witness the way in which he guillotined the career of Brady with an embarrassing 35th-minute substitution last September.

Comparisons between the success stories of the Republic and Northern Ireland are inevitable. In each case, a lack of resources has fostered a greater camaraderie within the team. The Republic have discovered, as did their Northern cousins, that there is an advantage from having fewer players from which to choose; it is easier to achieve that club-like familiarity, which is the aim of big countries and small alike. Above all, though, it has required unstinting effort from Irishmen north and south of the border to hold their own.

Sceptics see the Republic's heroics ending in tears in Italy, just as Northern Ireland's did in Mexico. Billy Bingham's team suddenly grew too old, but that does not appear to be the case with Charlton's men, even if, with nine of the squad aged 30 or more, potential is declining daily.

Injuries could be the Republic's undoing. Of the three world class players in their midst, two of them — Houghton and Whelan — are struggling to regain fitness in time for the opening game against England. Ironically, the injury-prone McGrath, who completes the top class trio, is injury free — for the time being. Central defence is also giving cause for concern, not so much because of the injuries to all three candidates, but because of the uncertainty it creates to an area of the team which has long been known for its dependability.

If the Republic can win the race against time with injuries and progress from an awkward first phase, there is no reason why they should not maintain their reputation as the outstanding "little people" of world football.

Clive White

Arms and the man: the 1966 magic of Charlton has rubbed off on the Republic side

Republic of Ireland squad

PAT BONNER: Celtic, aged 30, goalkeeper. Shot-stopper extraordinaire, with 24 shut-outs in 38 games. 38 caps.

GERRY PEYTON: Bournemouth, aged 34, goalkeeper. Reliable understudy to Bonner, as proved against the Soviet Union. 27 caps.

CHRIS MORRIS: Celtic, aged 26, defender. Played under Charlton at Hillsborough on wing. Now converted to fullback but still struggles with crosses. 21 caps.

STEVE STAUNTON: Liverpool, aged 21, defender. One of squad's most improved members. 12 caps.

CHRIS HUGHTON: Tottenham Hotspur, aged 31, defender. Reliable servant for club and country on either flank. 49 caps.

MICK McCARTHY: Millwall, aged 31, central defender. Made up for lack of pace with grit but struggling after move to France. 42 caps.

KEVIN MORAN: Blackburn Rovers, aged 34, defender. Accident prone but big hearted. Recovering from injury. 49 caps.

DAVID O'LEARY: Arsenal, aged 32, central defender. Banished by Charlton four years ago but now back in favour. 50 caps.

PAUL McGRATH: Aston Villa, aged 30, defender. World-class player in defence or midfield. Move to Aston Villa has revitalized him. 36 caps.

RAY HOUGHTON: Liverpool, aged 28, midfield player. One of Republic's outstanding players of past three years. Match winner against England in European championship. 29 caps.

ANDY TOWNSEND: Norwich City, aged 26, midfield player. Aggressive yet skilful and widely respected. 11 caps.

KEVIN SHEEDY: Everton, aged 30, midfield player. Superb left-footed player. Great threat at free kicks but rarely for Irish. 28 caps.

RONNIE WHELAN: Liverpool, aged 28, midfield player. Graceful mover who has matured into the complete player. Team's success may depend upon his recovery from injury. 38 caps.

TONY CASCARINO: Aston Villa, aged 27, forward. The archetypal target man and a prolific goal scorer, though not yet at international level. 21 caps.

JOHN ALDRIDGE: Real Sociedad, aged 31, forward. Proven scorer at club level in England and Spain but has found it hard to repeat in Republic's running game. 30 caps.

DAVID KELLY: Leicester City, aged 24, forward. Move to Leicester has revived international career. Impressive for Republic B. Five caps.

NIALL QUINN: Manchester City, aged 23, forward. Break with Arsenal has boosted career, but still on international fringe. 14 caps.

FRANK STAPLETON: Blackburn Rovers, aged 33, forward. Captain of European championship side. Included for experience and versatility. 70 caps.

BERNIE SLAVEN: Middlesbrough, aged 29, forward. Late arrival to international scene, he opted for the Republic ahead of Scotland, and has got off the goal mark quicker than some of his fellow forwards. Three caps.

JOHN BYRNE: Le Havre, aged 29, forward. Nimble-footed. Provides midfield cover on right. 18 caps.

JOHN SHERIDAN: Sheffield Wednesday, aged 25, midfield player. Great passer with economical style, though doubts about suitability to Charlton's way of playing. Seven caps.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN: Swindon Town, aged 23, midfield. A driving, goal-scoring player who has steered Swindon towards the first division. No caps.

NETHERLANDS

THE return of Ruud Gullit, who could be the outstanding player of the tournament, has reinforced a challenge which was already likely to be great. The champions of Europe, the Dutch are potentially the most complete team among the 24 finalists even though they have recently changed direction after the dismissal of Thijs Libregts.

His contract was scheduled to expire a week before the World Cup final anyway. He was sacked as the result of a mutiny lead by Gullit, who publicly criticised him for being too defensive during the qualifying competition. Rinus Michels, who guided them to the European title, was reinstated three months ago.

He was also responsible for lifting them into the World Cup final 16 years ago. After failing to qualify for the 1982 competition, one of his former choices, Krol, said that "a great generation of players like that cannot be expected to be matched for maybe a century".

Within six years, Michels had reintroduced "the whirl", the ultimate in organised free expression, and proved that Krol was not the most dependable of forecasters. He did so with the assistance of four world-class players — Gullit, van Basten, Rijkaard, and Koeman.

Gullit, with theatrically dramatic timing, rejoined his AC Milan colleagues, van Basten and Rikjaard for the European Cup final last month. No-one astonishingly would have appreciated that he had been out for a full year, undergone three knee operations and been in grave doubt for the tournament itself.

He and the prolific van Basten, voted as the European footballer of the year in both 1989 and 1990, carry the attacking burden between them. Rikjaard, who, like Gullit, can play in every position but goalkeeper, is the principal figure in midfield, and Koeman, of Barcelona, is the commander of their defence.

They were dismantled last week by Austria, conceding three goals before they mounted a response, but Bobby Robson was wary about the apparent setback. "That could be the shock they needed", he said. Within a few days they beat Yugoslavia 2-0.

With their tactical sophistication and their mental and physical aggression, enclosed within the vision of Pele's vision of the beautiful game, they are formidable. They should dismiss Egypt at the start and England's manager, having seen for himself the recovery against the Yugoslavs on television, says that "we are in for some game" in Cagliari on June 16.

EGYPT

THEY were considered the small fry in Group F, an image compounded by the response of the football union's vice-president to the draw. "We have been put between the jaws of two of the world's most powerful teams," Hussein Madhour said. "If it hadn't been a lottery, we'd have said they are out to get us."

Yet neither England nor the Republic of Ireland would have welcomed meeting them first. Even before they embarrassed Scotland at Hampden Park a fortnight ago, Bobby Robson appreciated that the Egyptians have improved considerably and are now more organised than four years ago when his side beat them 4-0 in Cairo.

Mahmoud El-Gohary can take the credit for that. Appointed as the manager in 1988, he stiffened a defence which conceded only seven goals in eight qualifying ties and he became a national hero when Egypt beat Algeria, finalists in the previous two World Cups, in the two legs of the play-offs.

Hossam Hassan, who scored the goal which lifted his country into the finals for the first time for 56 years, confirmed at Hampden Park tht he is a forward of genuine class. So was Hisham Abdel-Rasoul until he suffered multiple leg fractures in a car crash last Christmas.

Half of the squad is drawn from Al-Ahly, El-Gohary's own former club, and half a dozen others belong to Zamalek. Only two players are attached to foreign clubs and the team's results earlier in the year indicated that overall they might lack the necessary experience.

They lost 1-0 to the United Arab Emirates in Dubai in January and 2-0 to Algeria in March. Later that month they were also beaten 3-1 at home by Romania, but the unexpected triumph in Glasgow has lifted their morale. Their spirits, however, could immediately be deflated by the Netherlands in Palermo on Tuesday.

If so, their appearance could be as abbreviated as in the 1934 World Cup when they were eliminated in the first round. Yet it would be unwise to underestimate them. Their vice president does not dismiss the possibility of an upset. "The ball is round," he says quaintly, "and it has its surprises."

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SECRETARIAL

Rising stars in disguise

Employers must upgrade a secretary's work, not just her job title, and offer a definite career path to keep staff, Sally Watts writes

The boss in search of a secretary needs to realize it is a seller's market, and that a quality secretary with good shorthand and keyboard skills is becoming rarer, partly because fewer colleges train students to traditional high standards.

Also, secretaries' ambitions are changing. This is where bosses can take positive steps to fill their vacancies. It is not just a case of enhancing the job title: office manager, executive secretary, PA, assistant PA, support staff. More importantly, it involves enhancing the job.

"What was once a steady flow of candidates is now a trickle among the teens and early 20s," says Amanda Maine-Tucker, the managing director of Maine-Tucker recruitment consultancy. "Secretaries are rebelling against the system. They don't mind having less money to start at the bottom if, like an executive, they can move upwards with a proper learning curve and have more responsibility and involvement.

"Secretaries want not only prospects or development written into their job specification, but also a business subject — the business the company performs — they can become involved in."

Secretaries are under-utilized, she says. "Under the disguise of 'secretary', you often find someone of a better executive potential than the highly groomed, highly expensive Cambridge graduate. A secretary must be viewed with the same eye of opportunity that is cast over executives; her talent and hard work must be rewarded equally in terms of career."

Miss Maine-Tucker wants employers to realize that career development can help offset a secretary/PA salary which is below the market rate. With her knowledge of the company and its product, she can develop an executive role more quickly than someone learning both job and company.

One remedy, she suggests, is for the head of the organization to ensure that the executives make better use of their secretaries. "The more she is allowed to learn, the more she can do. Get your secretary mentally involved with your work. Take her to meetings: afterwards she could help you follow through on vital small details. Train your executives to delegate work."

One result, she says, is that secretaries will see the company as progressive and want to stay. It will also achieve higher output per person — executives will not be spending 20 per cent of their day on administration. "It is simple logic that a better calibre of job attracts and keeps a better calibre of secretary."

Therese Warwick, the associate director, marketing, of The Work Shop, agrees. "Permanent secretaries are discontented by the lack of prospects and responsibility," she says. "A pay rise is not the answer. It is the quality of life and of the work. Employers must realize that good secretaries want to be drawn into management work. Whatever job titles they are given, it is what is expected of them that counts."

Another reason employers cannot get the secretaries they need is that many are not suitably trained or qualified, Chris Kelly, the managing director of Reed Employment, says. "Many applicants cannot spell or do shorthand and believe that a typing speed of 35wpm is good enough."

He says the fault starts in the schools, where correct spelling is not emphasized and the secretarial role is downgraded. Then, some technical colleges and smaller secretarial colleges place little emphasis on shorthand. "They say it is a dying art. But our clients want shorthand.

"For skilled people, the outlook is superb; with demand outstripping supply, they can pick and choose."

Mr Kelly's advice to employers is to sign up those returning to the work-force. "They are much better, they can spell and do shorthand, and have no worries about using WPs or PCs. Too often, employers don't want anyone over 40. Certainly some mothers cannot work full-time, but employers must get used to this and consider job-sharing."

ALISTAIR GRANT

Recruitment consultant Amanda Maine-Tucker: 'Secretaries are rebelling against the system'

From office drudge to stand-in manager

New technology has opened up challenging horizons for secretaries, Joan Venner writes

THE primary role of a top secretary/PA is to manage her boss and his time, says Nick Needs, managing director of Blenheim PEL Exhibitions Limited, the organizers of the Secretary Shows being held this year in London, Birmingham, Glasgow and Manchester.

Mr Needs says his secretary makes his appointments and opens his post, deciding which letters to deal with herself and which to refer to him. She does not wait to be asked to attach relevant previous correspondence to the incoming mail.

The role of the secretary has changed in recent years, he says. Shorthand and typing form only a small part of a secretary's many duties. The secretary of today is able to use computers — office technology has freed her from a great deal of drudgery. By taking on certain tasks once thought to be outside a secretary's domain, she is now able to lighten a manager's workload and increase his productivity.

Mr Needs says: "In many small and medium-sized organizations which have no print or stationery buyers, the secretary does the ordering and may advise on the purchase of office equipment.

"Many bosses ask her to organize their business travel or to set up conferences. The job has broadened in scope. The secretary may actually run the office, decide on its lay-out, organize the filing system to her liking, and even take on junior staff. As a result, some secretaries branch out into management careers."

'A top secretary now wants to be taken into her boss's confidence. Her role is vital'

Secretaries are aware that with the coming of a single European market in 1992, a second language is going to be useful.

"There are still bosses who undervalue and underuse their secretaries," Mr Needs says. "Bosses could learn a lot at the Secretary Show, particularly if they attended the seminars on the boss/secretary relationship. A secretary should be working with her boss and not for him."

He says a top secretary now wants to be taken into her boss's confidence. Her role is an increasingly vital one. Often she is the first contact a visiting executive has with the organization, and as the link between her boss and his subordinates she can ease the stresses and strains of corporate relationships.

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THE TIMES sets the scene for the Ever Ready Derby at Epsom today

Coming to terms with the camber

By Jack Waterman

THE intricacies of the Derby course round a kind of devil's caldron, cleft in the Epsom Downs, are well-advertised: the long uphill rise after the start, the sweep of descent into Tattenham Corner, the dip 100 yards from the winning post and the uphill finish.

These are ingredients which, in one form or another, have for more than two centuries dictated the searching severity of the race as a test for three-year-olds.

There is, however, an additional factor: the camber of the track running the length of the straight from the stands side. It is at its most severe in the dip, opposite Tattersall's enclosure. At this point, the head of a racegoer standing at the far rails would be below the ground level of the bookmakers' pitches opposite.

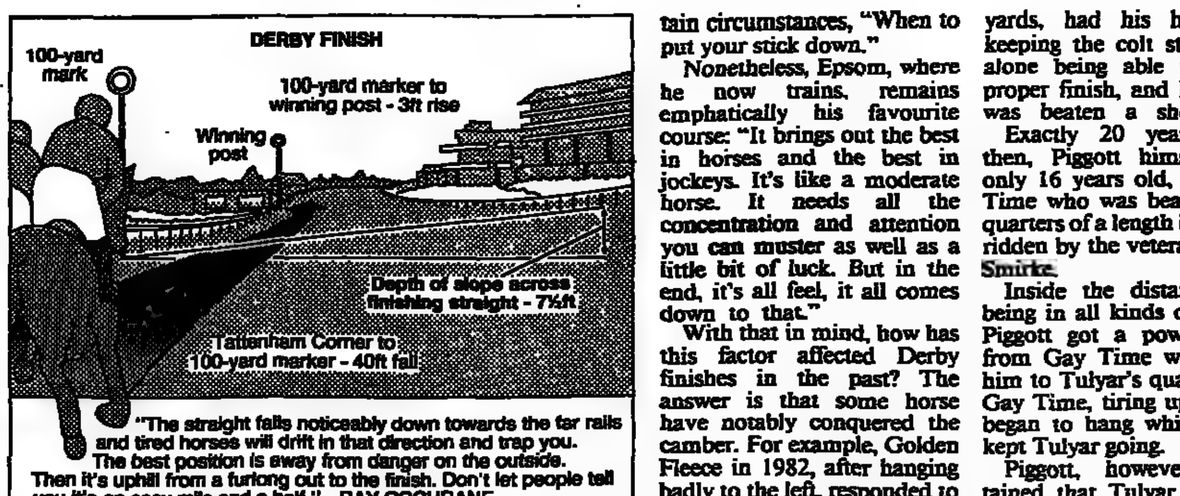
According to a survey conducted by the racecourse in 1978, the precise fall here is 7.49 feet. At the winning post the course still slopes across significantly, by 5.86 feet.

This is an unknown quantity for a majority watching the great annual spectacle, for the camber is invisible from a certain height in the stands; nor do television cameras from their vantage points give much indication during running.

As Michael Webster, Epsom's clerk of the course, puts it: "Most people know all about the rest of the course, but few realise that the camber can cause real problems both for tired horses and inexperienced jockeys."

But if the public is largely unaware, the riders are well alerted. Walter Swinburn, successful in the Ever Ready Derby, on Sherger and Shahrastani, says: "It's very much a problem if a horse is getting tired and tends to hang in, but also if you go to make a challenge from that side, the camber can make you come across sharper than you intended."

He sited then the instance of Lord Grundy who did precisely that in the Blue Riband Trial five years ago. Swinburn finished second, but the horse was disqualified and he earned a suspension.



Ray Cochrane, who rode Kahyasi to victory two seasons ago, says: "The straight falls noticeably down towards the far rails and tired horses will drive in that direction and trap you. The best position is away from danger on the outside."

From an older generation, Geoff Lewis, rider of one of the great winners of the century, Mill Reef, explains that the secret of dealing with the sideways slope is knowing how and when to pull the whip through, and equally, in certain circumstances, "When to put your stick down."

Nonetheless, Epsom, where he now trains, remains emphatically his favourite course: "It brings out the best in horses and the best in jockeys. It's like a moderate horse. It needs all the concentration and attention you can muster as well as a little bit of luck. But in the end, it's all feel, it all comes down to that."

With that in mind, how has this factor affected Derby finishes in the past? The answer is that some horse have notably conquered the camber. For example, Golden Fleece in 1982, after hanging badly to the left, responded to Eddery's strong handling. By contrast, a decade earlier, there had been a desperate battle in the final two furlongs between Lester Piggott on Roberto and Ernie Johnson on Rheingold, who provided a prime example of how seriously a tired Derby horse can hang away from the stands rails.

Johnson, in the final 100 yards, had his hands full keeping the colt straight, let alone being able to ride a proper finish, and Rheingold was beaten a short head.

Exactly 20 years before then, Piggott himself, then only 16 years old, rode Gay Time who was beaten three-quarters of a length by Tulyar, ridden by the veteran Charlie Smirke.

Inside the distance, after being in all kinds of trouble, Piggott got a powerful run from Gay Time which took him to Tulyar's quarters. But Gay Time, tiring up the rise, began to hang while Smirke kept Tulyar going.

Piggott, however, maintained that Tulyar hung the other way and interference cost him his first Derby success. But the question remains: Did a combination of the sideways shelving course and lack of experience contribute to that same result?

Whatever the answer, one thing is sure: Epsom's camber has in the past played a controversial part in shaping Turf history.

Opposition to the market leaders as rain clouds gather

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

AS THE storm clouds threatened Epsom yesterday, the betting on this afternoon's Ever Ready Derby started to take a *wider range* as significant market opposition developed both to Razeen, the favourite, and also to Linamix, the French challenger.

Razeen, one-time as short as 5-2 to give both Steve Cauthen and Henry Cecil their third win together in Britain's most important horse race, is now *generally on offer* at 7-2. And despite the confidence being expressed by both Francois Boutin and Gerald Mosse at Epsom yesterday in Linamix, the French 2,000 Guineas winner's price has slipped dramatically from 5-1 to 8-1.

During the day a major gamble developed on Zoman. Paul Cole's French 2,000 Guineas runner-up is now top quoted at 11-2 with William Hill and is as low as 9-2 with Corals.

Discussing the latest moves, Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes said: "The support for Zoman is very significant. We even laid a cash bet of £10,000 each-way at 6-1 in one of our shops."

The other horse that has been well backed this week is Quest For Fame, who will be attempting to complete an extraordinary Derby double.

After Sanglamore's win in Sunday's French Derby for Pat Eddery, Roger Charlton and Khaled Abdulla, the support for *his stable companion Quest For* Fame continues to gather momentum.

"The punters tend to come in behind the jockeys they know like Pat, Steve Cauthen and Willie Carson," Dillon continued, "although the ante-post interest has been markedly less this year because of the generally confused situation, it won't affect what happens today. The general public aren't the least bit interested in the fact that the connoisseurs consider this to be a sub-standard race. It's going to be a good each-way betting choice."

Thirty five million pounds is expected to be wagered nationwide, £15 million less than is normally bet on the Grand National, which is run on a Saturday. Over 300,000 people are expected to throng the downs, of which only 60,000 will be paying customers in the enclosures.

"Bad weather is the only thing that can keep the crowds away," said Michael Webster, the clerk of the course, yesterday. "As far as the going is concerned, its still perfect despite a heavy shower. But of course it all depends on what happens tomorrow."

However, Brian Rouse, and Richard Quinn, after riding Karinga Bay and Zoman respectively around Tottenham Corner, were in no doubt that further rain will make underfoot conditions testing. "It's already good," said Rouse, "and if we get anymore serious rain, it will be gone, just like that. It could become very soft."

Blue Stag, Barry Hills'd Dee Stakes winner, was also in action on the track together with four of his stable companions, including Missionary Ridge and Cameo Performance.

Robert Sangster: high hopes for Blue Stag

Robert Sangster's Sadler's Wells colt is sure to be suited by soft going. Discussing both Blue Stag and the Derby, Sangster, the man who was Britain's leading owner five times in the late seventies and early eighties and who has already won two Derbys, said: "He's got a sound each-way chance and will run a big race. Both Barry and Billy Nicholson, his work rider, said that he's woken up since arriving at Epsom."

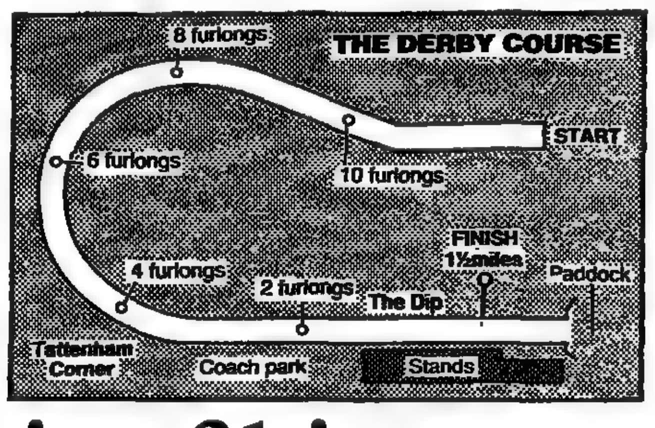
Together with Vincent O'Brien and John Magnier, Sangster is one of the men who has transformed the European racing industry with their judicious imports of the choicest North American bloodstock, so he has strong views about the Derby.

"Just because there's no obvious star around on the eve of the race, it doesn't mean it's going to be a bad Derby. There's no such thing nowadays. The enormous investment on bloodstock at the yearling sales and the amount of high- class stock being bred sees to that. Whatever wins will be a good horse."

On the course both Cole and Boutin were full of confidence about the chances of Zoman and Linamix respectively. The pundits query Linamix's stamina, as the colt is sired by Mendez and is out of a Breton mare. However, Boutin, with a lifetime experience of training top-class horses, countered. "There is some stout blood in the tail *female* line and I think he'll stay, better than Zoman."

However, despite these expert opinions, our greatest race usually falls to a colt with a proven middle-distance pedigree. And on this score, Razeen, Quest For Fame and Blue Stag are the three that fill the bill.

As Razeen's stamina might possibly be suspect after his wind operation in testing conditions, Quest For Fame is napped to complete a unique Derby double for Eddery, Roger Charlton and Khaled Abdulla. "Pat said that the horse ran into a patch of soft ground at Chester," said the trainer yesterday, "but I see no reason why he shouldn't act in it again."



French challenger gets to know the course's ups and downs

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

French lesson: Linamix and Gerald Mosse tune up for today's Derby at Epsom with a steady canter at the course yesterday morning

Eddery on course for early double

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

PAT Eddery could well be on a high by the time he weighs out to ride Quest For Fame in the Derby because I firmly believe that he has a fine chance of winning the first two races on the Epsom programme with **Madagans Grey** (2.15) and **Magic Gleam** (2.45).

The Newmarket trainer Ron Boss is reported to be very hopeful of seeing Madagans Grey win the Silver Seal Woodcote Stakes, a race his stable captured two years ago with Sno Serenade.

Last time out, my selection comfortably beat Routing at Newmarket. Before that, he had himself been beaten easily there by Mac's Imp. As the latter then went on to score by eight lengths at Goodwood that initial result was obviously no disgrace.

Magic Gleam, my selection for the Diomed Stakes, ran well enough in the Lockinge at Newbury last time to fan the flames of hope that she can now cope with today's less distinguished field.

Filia Ardross, a high-class filly in Germany last year, could turn out to be Magic Gleam's principal danger if she has made the improvement expected after her first run of the season behind Dolpour at Sandown.

As far as the Night Rider Handicap is concerned, this is probably best left to **Jondebe Boy** who showed the requisite speed at Goodwood last time when making all the running for an impressive success in the hands of Willie Carson, his rider again today.

Carson can end the day on a good note too by winning the Craven Handicap on **Gratclo**, who will appreciate coming back to seven furlongs.

Wassl Port, who looked such an unlucky loser at Chester where he was last seen, is taken to go one better in the Butterley Brick Handicap.

At Yarmouth, **Chief Ornament** (2.0) and **Adamik** (4.0) are taken to give Henry Cecil and Willie Ryan a double, but their stable companion Cum Laude could well be foiled by **Wassah** in the Merchant's House Fillies Stakes.

Mosse looking to have the last laugh

By George Rae

FRENCH jockeys and English racecourses are traditionally an unhappy match. Even now memories of Freddie Head's steering problems on Lyphard in the 1972 Derby are guaranteed to raise a smirk, and the same jockey's miscalculations on Machiavellian in the English and Irish 2,000 Guineas just last month updated an old joke.

At Epsom this afternoon, Gerald Mosse attempts to rewrite the punchline. Not since Yves Saint-Martin won on Relko 27 years ago has a French jockey won the Derby, a sequence Mosse, on Linamix, will attempt to break without even one previous ride on the track.

Mosse galloped Linamix, trained by Francois Boutin, round Tattenham Corner yesterday morning and returned, affable and courteous, to pit his fractured English against the even less precise French of his questioners. "I have never ridden here before," he said. "But I have footed it three times."

That was in the days of his apprenticeship to Patrick Biancone when he travelled with the outstanding Triptych. Biancone encouraged Mosse to take a close look at the track, an investment for the day when he would negotiate the roller-coaster on horseback.

"I have watched many videos," Mosse continued, "so I have some thought of what to expect. This hill will not be a problem, Linamix will come down it well. The course is good, the ground is good and my horse is good. Everything is good."

It is easy to paint Mosse as a well-meaning Inspector Clouseau but, even at 23, he has amassed almost 350 winners including a classic success on Resless Kara in the Prix de Diane two years ago.

He also has an English success to his credit, having won on Barra Head at Doncaster in the Long John Scotch Whisky European Apprentice Championship seven years ago.

Mosse, son of the Marseilles trainer, Armand Mosse, is confident his horse will confirm French Guineas form with Zoman, the 1½-length runner-up.

"Zoman couldn't pass my horse at Longchamp. He was well beaten and has no chance of revenge. I am more worried about Razeen. It was a good performance at Goodwood and a lot of people say he is a very good horse."

In France, Mosse merits the description *Gagneur*, denoting ferocious will to win. It was this trait which earned him an eight-day suspension, and cost him the winning ride on Linamix in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) after a fight, on horseback, with Eric Saint-Martin at Maisons-Laffitte.

For a man who rides so short — it appears that he is gripping the horse only with his toenails — it reflects as well on his agility as it does badly on his temper that he was able to conduct such *an altercation at full gallop*.

To employ a cock-eyed logic, such a fine sense of balance may not come amiss today. But what are his chances?

"Linamix is the best miler I have ridden," Mosse declared, "and I think he will stay the extra distance. He is more relaxed now and he does not pull so strong. But it is a mile and a half. Who can really tell?"

Yesterday's results from two meetings

Yarmouth

Going: good (str); good to firm (rnd)

2.0 (5f 25yd) 1, EL DINERO (J Reid, 7-4 fav); 2, Recaldo (G Carter, 11-4); 3, Bastish (R Hills, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Bold Heart (4th), 10 Sir Tasker (5th). 5 ran. 2½l, ½l, 2½l, 8l. W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20; £1.10, £1.30. DF: £5.10. CSF: £6.46.

2.30 (1m) 1, ELECTRIC ROSE (R Morse, 10-1); 2, Leading Guest (M Roberts, 7-2 fav); 3, Mystery Band (L Newton, 13-2); 4, Spanish Whisper (G Cauthen, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Miss Chalk, 15-2 Asbaab (5th), 9 First Exhibition, 14 Shy Mistress, 16 Taranga, Khorevo, 20 Puppet Show, Ivory's Of Radlett, Loco Tycoon, 25 Francis Rose, Danny Blanchflower, Henrietta Place, 33 Aconitum, My Reef (6th), Emma's Spirit, Miss Bea. 20 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 1½l, ¾l, 6l. C Allen at Newmarket. Tote: £14.40; £3.70, £1.80, £3.30, £1.90. DF: £26.00. CSF: £48.28. Tricast: £247.88.

3.0 (1m 2f) 1, LOTS OF LUCK (Dean McKeown, 15-2); 2, Auto Connection (G Carter, 13-8 fav); 3, La Bellezina (B Marcus, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Muirfield Village, 7 Native Flair (4th), 9 Katie Jo (5th), 10 Briery Fille, 14 San Roque, 16 Luaga (6th). 9 ran. 1l, 1l, ½l, hd, 1½l. J Pearce at Hambleton. Tote: £9.40; £2.50, £1.40, £4.30. DF: £24.60. CSF: £20.28. Tricast: £162.40.

3.30 (6f) 1, GREEN ENTERPRISE (B Marcus, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Miss Formidere (L Newton, 12-1); 3, Classic Ring (M Roberts, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Moccasin (5th), 13-2 Not Sunday Sport, 8 Ruby Jayne (6th), 10 La Pereet, 12 Sandhurst Type, 14 Liar's Poker, Brera (4th), 33 Petitesse, Parsichesnnco, Severals Clare, Heavenly Queen. 14 ran. Nk, 1l, 1l, 2½l, ¾l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £4.40; £1.80, £3.40, £2.30. DF: £18.90. CSF: £42.48.

4.0 (1m 6f) 1, HAITHAM (R Hills, 12-1); 2, King High (J Reid, 9-2); 3, Buonavoti (S Cauthen, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Porto Heli, 11-2 Recipe, 10 Copford (5th), Winterhalter, 14 Shadow Bird (6th), 20 Prost (4th), 66 Myfontaine. 10 ran. 1½l, hd, 1½l, 1l, ½l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £13.10; £3.30, £2.70, £2.00. DF: £70.00. CSF: £60.67.

4.30 (7f) 1, FIRST FLUSH (G Bardwell, 16-1); 2, Lilac Amber (M Roberts, 13-2); 3, Timber (S O'Gorman, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Shannon Express (4th), Disco, Rainbow Bridge, Jole De Rose (5th), Thatchenne, Stocker, Rebel Raiser, Forlan Prince. 12 ran. ½l, 1½l. K Ivory at Radlett. Tote: £19.00; £2.90, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £167.80. CSF: £107.12. Tricast: £457.37.

Placepot: £92.60.

Folkestone

Going: good to firm (back straight, firm)

1.45 (6f) 1, GREEN'S CASSATT (T Quinn, 7-4); 2, Punch N'Run (B Rouse, 11-10 fav); 3, Zeppeki (J Carroll, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 16 Kirriemuir (4th). 4 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 15l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £2.30. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.72.

2.15 (6f) 1, FOR REAL (J Carroll, 7-4 fav); 2, Tiddly Winks (T Quinn, 16-1); 3, Triomphe Modest (W Newnes, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Dounhurst, 7 Bounder Rowe (6th), 16 Lady Miami, Sirse (4th), 25 Eric's Pal (5th), 33 Persian Spring, 40 Aire Valley Lad, Bell Turret, Not Quite Free. 12 ran. ½l, 4l, nk, 1½l, 1l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £2.30, £1.60. DF: £16.70. CSF: £30.07. No bid.

2.45 (1m 4f) 1, DISK MAKER (N Gwilliams, 11-4); 2, Arctic Heights (Dale Gibson, 9-2); 3, [illegible] (R Cochrane, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Incola (4th), 13-2 Persian Emperor (6th), 9 Crazy River (5th), 25 March Above. 7 ran. 10l, 2½l, 1½l, 1½l, 6l. R Curtis at Epsom. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £2.70. DF: £5.50. CSF: £13.64.

3.15 (7f) 1, CHEVEUX MITCHELL (W Newnes, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Sharjamal (R Cochrane, 9-2); 3, Racecall Gold Card (J Carroll, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Rousio, 9-2 Brother Ray (5th), 7 Dazzlingly Radiant (6th), 8 Flying Flo Jo (4th), 25 Baluod, 33 Gunrunner Girl. 9 ran. Hd, ¾l, hd, 2l, 7l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £5.40; £1.10, £2.40, £4.40. DF: £7.10. CSF: £20.84. Tricast: £150.98.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1, [illegible] (Pat Eddery, 4-9 fav); 2, Prince Hannibal (R Cochrane, 5-2); 3, [illegible] (D Nicholls, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 50 Chilipour (4th). 4 ran. NR: Berdolph. 2l, 7l, dist. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.40. CSF: £1.85.

4.15 (5f) 1, AUGHFAD (W Newnes, 11-2); 2, [illegible] (Dale Gibson, 9-2); 3, Iron King (A McGlone, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Frimley Parkson (6th), 5 Dominuet (5th), 12 Ever Reckless (4th), 16 Bunnyloch, 20 Sai Kung, 25 Lucky Frosty, Sungrove Pride, 66 Sudden Impact. 11 ran. Hd, 2½l, ½l, 2½l, ½l. T Casey at Banbury. Tote: £12.50; £4.50, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £29.30. CSF: £38.77. Tricast: £120.65.

Placepot: £22.10

Monday's late results

Edinburgh

Going: good

7.45 (1m) 1, Young Commander (K Fallon, 7-2); 2, Rostovol (33-1); 3, Lady [illegible] Stick (9-1). Gold Habit 11-8 fav. 7 ran. 4l, 2l. M Naughton. Tote: £4.20; £3.10, £5.00. DF: £59.60. CSF: £67.44.

8.15 (1m) 1, [illegible] (G Duffield, 2-1 fav); 2, Without Equal (9-4); 3, Yankee Flyer (5-2). 8 ran. 3l, 2½l. J Gosden. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £5.00. CSF: £6.55.

8.45 (6f) 1, Jack Boy (Claire Balding, 3-1); 2, Sharp Anne (4-1); 3, North Of Watford (2-1 fav). 6 ran. 2½l, ¾l. J Balding. Tote: £6.30; £2.90, £1.80. DF: £13.20. CSF: £13.94.

Placepot: £925.10.

IN THE Groove will almost definitely run in Saturday's Gold Seal Oaks rather than Sunday's Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) at Chantilly.

Statistics point to Beckhampton hope

By Jack Waterman

BECKHAMPTON and Manton, those two historic training establishments just west of Marlborough, have sent out, between them, more Derby winners than all the other stables taking part in this afternoon's Ever Ready Derby put together.

From Beckhampton alone there have been nine Derby winners. The last at Epsom was Bois Roussel in 1938, owned by the Hon Peter Beatty, the late uncle of Jeremy Tree, who *retired from training there only* last season.

He handed over to Roger Charlton, who has already struck a spectacular blow with Sanglamore in Sunday's Prix du Jockey-Club Lancia. Charlton, however, immediately gave much of the credit to Tree, now making a good recovery from illness and already out again with the horses. The prospect today both of an historic double and enhancing Beckhampton's great record lies with Khaled Abdulla's Quest For Fame.

Six miles up the road at Manton, the Derby record includes the luminous name of Gainsborough trained during *the dynastic Taylor era*, but the last winner was Never Say Die in 1954, saddled by Joe Lawson.

Blue Stag, owned by Robert Sangster, and Missionary Ridge, in the colours of Sir Gordon White, the chairman of the Derby sponsors' parent company, who is reported to have had a large each-way wager at 100-1 on his colt, are the Manton hopes.

Barry Hills, their trainer, has suffered two narrow defeats and has a further runner-up to his credit, while Guy Harwood is another seeking a first Derby victory. Of the other trainers, Dick Hern is the most successful (three wins) followed by Henry Cecil (two).

Among the owners, Robert Sangster has by far the most impressive record with two victories and four places. Apart from Blue Stag, he owns Bastille Day, trained in Ireland.

The Irish last sent over a winner only six years ago, making their post war total nine, but the French have not been in the winner's circle for 14 years. The north, meanwhile, have not had a success since Dante won a wartime substitute Derby in 1945, but hopes are high for Karinga Bay.

Of the jockeys, Willie Carson has the most winners, with three; Steve Cauthen, Pat Eddery (in the first four 11 times) and Walter Swinburn have two apiece and Ray Cochrane one.

Summing up, from the weight of past records, Quest For Fame gets a narrow vote over Blue Stag, with Elmaamul also named for a place.

Derby jockeys' records

	Rides	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unplaced
W Carson (Elmaamul)	21	3	1	0	1	16
Pat Eddery (Quest For Fame)	18	2	2	4	3	7
S Cauthen (Razeen)	11	2	0	1	0	8
B Rouse (Karinga Bay)	10	0	0	1	0	9
W R Swinburn (Digression)	9	2	0	2	0	5
B Raymond (Treble Eight)	5	0	0	0	0	5
C Asmussen (Blue Stag)	4	0	0	0	0	4
R Cochrane (Duke Of Paducah)	3	1	0	0	0	2
M Roberts (Kaheel)	3	0	1	0	0	2
T Quinn (Zoman)	3	0	0	0	0	3
M J Kinane (River God)	2	0	1	0	0	1
M Hills (Missionary Ridge)	2	0	1	0	0	1
A Clark (Aromatic)	2	0	0	0	0	2

First Derby rides: S Craine, G Mosse, A Munro, P Shanahan and J Williams.

A to Z analysis of big race

AROMATIC: Rank outsider running to make the pace for Digression and Quest For Fame. Tony Clark finished last a year ago on Polar Run, also a pacemaker, and is line for a similar result today.

BASTILLE DAY: Owner Robert Sangster's second string. Trained in Ireland by Tommy Stack, who as a jockey rode Red Rum to win his third Grand National. First Derby ride for Stephen Craine.

BLUE STAG: Robert Sangster's best hope of adding a third Derby to the successes of The Minstrel (1977) and Golden Fleece (1982). Won the Dee Stakes at Chester last month on his seasonal reappearance and is likely to improve for the run. Trainer Barry Hills would appreciate a change of Derby luck after seconds with Rheingold (1972), Hawaiian Sound (1978) and Glacial Storm (1988). Solid each-way prospects.

BOOKCASE: Trainer David Elsworth is best known for his exploits with Desert Orchid, but is also building a growing reputation on the Flat. Won this year's Irish 1,000 Guineas with In The Groove, but Bookcase will be hard pressed to take another classic to Whitsbury.

DIGRESSION: With Pat Eddery opting for Quest For Fame, Digression is nominally Khaled Abulla's second string. Former Derby favourite before blotting his copybook with a lacklustre effort behind Razeen last time. Requires a swift return to his good two-year-old form to lift him towards classic-winning status, but trainer Guy Harwood will surely feel he is owed a Derby after the luckless defeat of the outstanding Dancing Brave in 1986. Probably needs the race to go his way and is, Harwood believes, the type to either win or do nothing. Has the ideal big-race jockey in Walter Swinburn, successful on Shergar (1981) and Shahrastani (1986).

DUKE OF PADUCAH: Trained, like Digression, by Guy Harwood. Only workmanlike when winning a match against Ridgepoint at Lingfield last time and looks short on classic quality. Mount of Ray Cochrane, successful two years ago on Kahyasi. One of two greys (with Linamix) in the race, but no horse of that colour has won since Airborne in 1946.

Richard Quinn: fine chance of glory at fourth attempt

ELMAAMUL: From the stable triumphant last year with Nashwan, and representing the Dick Hern-Willie Carson combination also successful with Troy (1979) and Henbit (1980). Hampered second to Razeen at Goodwood *last time but is* not obviously in the same league as his predecessors. Has reportedly worked with some zest in blinkers but does not wear them today.

KAHEEL: Ambitious challenger who must overcome more than a century of history. Not since Merry Hampton in 1887 has a maiden won the Derby, and Kaheel's two runs offer scant hope that he is likely to break the sequence. However, Michael Roberts is no stranger to apparently lost causes, having ridden 500-1 Terimon into second last year.

KARINGA BAY: Not since Pretender in 1869 has a northern-trained horse won an Epsom Derby, and Karinga Bay is not an entirely forlorn hope to end that run. His game second to Sanglamore in the valuable Dante Stakes at York last time has been made more attractive by the winner's subsequent success in the French Derby. Ridden by Brian Rouse, at 50 the oldest professional jockey in Britain.

LINAMIX: Represents the proven class in the field, having won the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas). Minus points are the serious doubts about his ability to stay this extra half-mile and the Epsom inexperience of jockey Gerald Mosse, who will be having his first ride on the course. Attempting to become the first French-trained winner since Empery (1976) and Mosse the first successful French jockey since Yves Saint-Martin on Relko 27 years ago.

MISSIONARY RIDGE: Owned by Sir Gordon White, head of Hanson Trust and thus Ever Ready. Moderate form, and seems to be running primarily to wave the flag for the sponsors.

MR BROOKS: Wittily named (by Blazing Saddles, a film directed by Mel Brooks) but that looks his greatest appeal. Fifth in the Irish 2,000 Guineas but severe stamina doubts suggest he has only a slim chance of giving the Irish their first Derby since Secreto six years ago. *Wears a visor for first time (see* Sober Mind) and is first Derby ride for Pat Shanahan.

QUEST FOR FAME: Potential fairy tale for first-season trainer Roger Charlton, who on Sunday pocketed the French Derby with Sanglamore. Second to Belmez at Chester, a defeat blamed by Pat Eddery on the softened ground. Eddery has backed his judgement by preferring Quest For Fame to Digression. Improving and sure to stay, plus marks which give him a respectable chance in a weak year. Further rain might not be in his favour, though. Eddery has finished in the first four on 11 of his 18 Derby rides, including wins on Grundy (1975) and Golden Fleece (1982).

RAZEEN: Seized favouritism with clear-cut win in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood. Son of the immensely-successful Northern Dancer, who has sired three previous Derby winners, Nijinsky (1970), The Minstrel (1977) and Secreto (1984). Brother to Warrshan, successful in the Predominate last year before finishing only eleventh to Nashwan. Only just three years old and probably still to reach his full potential, but there is also the doubt concerning his recovery from a wind infirmity. Still, he is one of the few in the field who may have a touch of class. Represents Henry Cecil and Steve Cauthen, twice previously successful with Slip Anchor (1985) and Reference Point (1987).

RIVER GOD: Has reportedly been working badly and faces a huge step up in class from the minor Doncaster race he won last time. Mount of Michael Kinane, second on Carlingford Castle in 1983, and successful in this season's 2,000 Guineas on Tirol.

SOBER MIND: Paul Kelleway has never been afraid of taking on the big guns, occasionally with stunning success. This looks ambitious even by his standards, though, judging by Sober Mind's emphatic defeat in the Italian Derby. Not since Aboyeur in 1913 has a horse wearing blinkers won the Derby. First Derby ride for Alan Munro.

TREBLE EIGHT: Headstrong outsider unlikely to trouble the principals, although finished a fair fourth in Italian Derby last time. Bruce Raymond has yet to reach frame in five rides.

ZOMAN: Like Linamix, to whom he was second in the French 2,000 Guineas, smacks of class. Unlike Linamix, his pedigree, suggests he has a realistic chance of lasting the trip. That combination is appealing in a year when few obvious candidates have come forward. Has pleased trainer Paul Cole with his preparation and can give Richard Quinn a first Derby at his fourth attempt.

VERDICT: 1, **Zoman**; 2, **Razeen**; 3, **Blue Stag**.

George Rae

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THE TIMES sets the scene for the Ever Ready Derby at Epsom today

Quest For Fame to triumph

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

DURING the 37 years that Jeremy Tree was in command at Beckhampton the Derby proved elusive although the Oaks was snapped up twice.

Now, following Sanglamore's victory in the French Derby on Sunday, Roger Charlton, his successor at that famous training establishment, has a good chance of succeeding on his first attempt with the aptly-named QUEST FOR FAME.

Were that to happen, Charlton, Khaled Abdulla and Pat Eddery would become only the second trainer, owner and jockey to pull off the Epsom-Chantilly Derby double, a feat achieved by Charles Semblat, Marcel Boussac and Ray Johnstone 40 years ago with Galcador and Scratch II.

In going nap on Quest For Fame to win the Ever Ready-sponsored classic at Epsom today, I am banking on a colt with the right sort of pedigree who has already shown that he will get the trip by finishing a close second to Belmez in the Chester Vase.

While we are still on the subject of that particular classic trial, remember that Belmez was Henry Cecil's principal Derby hope before he went lame, an injury that resulted in Razeen being called up as a replacement.

Roger Charlton: set for first Derby sucess

For sheer ability on what we have seen so far, pride of place goes to the French 2,000 Guineas winner **Linamix**.

But as he is by Mendez out of a mare by Breton — milers both — I question whether he will be as effective over a mile and a half, never mind the fact that he will be partnered by a jockey who has never ridden in a race at Epsom.

With a pacemaker in the field (**Aromatic**), the gallop is bound to be furious from the off, and that is guaranteed to find a flaw in the armour of a non-stayer.

Being by the Coronation Cup and Arc winner Rainbow Quest out of a classic winning mare by Nijinsky's son Green Dancer, Quest For Fame has a pedigree that will not look out of place in that hallowed winner's circle.

On the assumption that owners and trainers still keep their best shot for the Epsom classic, because winning *it* means so much more than anything else, the decision to rely upon Quest For Fame instead of Sanglamore takes on greater significance.

He also happens to be the choice of Pat Eddery who could have opted instead for **Digression**, who was the ante-post favourite until his defeat in the Predominate Stakes.

To attach too much to the fact that **Missionary Ridge** was beaten 11 lengths in the Chester Vase, but roughly half that in the *Guardian* Classic Trial at Sandown might be over doing things.

Yet Barry Hills has always has a higher opinion of Missionary Ridge than he has of his other runner, the Dee Stakes winner **Blue Stag**, whose odds of winning are infinitely shorter.

Interestingly at Sandown, Missionary Ridge finished only half a length behind **Karinga Bay**, who went on to finish 1½ lengths behind none other than Sanglamore in the Dante Stakes at York where the 2,000 Guineas third Anshan was the same distance behind in third place.

Ignore them at your peril, but there are a series of form lines involving Rock City and Book The Band that suggest Anshan is more or less the equal of Funambule, who finished third behind Linamix and **Zoman** in the French 2,000 Guineas, beaten a total of 4½ lengths, but that was over a mile.

Unlike Quest For Fame, Linamix and Zoman will be entering unchartered waters *when they race over a mile* and a half for the first time this afternoon. And unlike Quest For Fame, they both have pedigrees which suggest they could prove vulnerable.

I remain wary of the form of this year's Predominate Stakes, won by **Razeen**. In the past it has not been conspicuous as a reliable Derby guide and I still have the feeling that Razeen could be flattered because **Elmaamul** ran his race in snatches besides being hampered while Digression, who was giving weight away all round, hung badly at the crucial stage of what was his seasonal debut.

Elmaamul has worked well at home since being fitted with a pair of blinkers but he will not be wearing them today.

Digression, whose preparation encountered a setback at the beginning of the spring, can only have come on for the race. What I found disturbing was the way that he did hang.

His stable companion **Duke Of Paducah's** form this season with Lord of the Field and Ridgepoint looks frail

In conclusion, I am hoping to see Quest For Fame outstay Linamix and Zoman, with Missionary Ridge given a sporting chance of making the frame at rewarding odds.

EPSOM

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Madagans Grey.	2.15 Madagans Grey.
2.45 Magic Gleam.	2.45 Luzum
3.45 QUEST FOR FAME (nap).	3.45 RAZEEN (nap).
4.40 Jondebe Boy.	4.40 Pussy Foot.
5.10 Wassl Port.	5.10 Aljarih.
5.45 Gratclo.	5.45 Dawn Success.

By Michael Seely

2.45 Laxey Bay. 3.45 QUEST FOR FAME (nap). 5.10 Wassl Port.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.10 WASSL PORT.

Going: good SIS

Draw: 5f-7f, high numbers best; 1m, 110yd, low numbers best

2.15 SILVER SEAL WOODCOTE STAKES (2-Y-O: £10,560: 6f) (11 runners) C4

101 (10) 12 FOURSINGH 21 (F) (Four Racing) J Berry 9-2 W Carson ● 99
102 (7) 12 HALF A TICK 13 (BF,F) (C Wates) P Cole 9-2 T Quinn 89
103 (4) 2101 LEVEL XING 11 (D,F,G) (S Squires) R Hannon 9-2 B Rouse 91
104 (8) 21 MADAGANS GREY 18 (D,F) (Madagans Plc) R Boss 9-2 Pat Eddery 90
105 (6) 421 VILLAGE PET 25 (F) (W Cresswell) R Bennett 9-2 N Adams 78
106 (5) 5840 BIRLING ASHES 26 (Mrs S Garrad) R Stubbs 8-11 M J Kinane 68
107 (11) 65 CAPITAL BOND 18 (D Mort) R Holder 8-11 J Reid 65
108 (9) 6 DEADLY TOUCH 18 (J Dwight) P Howling 8-11 T Williams —
109 (1) 34 SYLVA HONDA 35 (E Grimstead & Son Honda Ltd) C Britain 8-11 M Roberts 84
110 (3) CITYPLUMBJO (City Plumbing Supplies Plc) M Channon 8-8 J Williams —
111 (2) 6 CLASSICS PEARL 21 (Miss L Comer) M Haynes 8-6 W Newnes —

BETTING: 5-4 Madagans Grey, 5-2 Foursingh, 5-1 Half A Tick, 7-1 Level Xing, 14-1 Capital Bond, Sylva Honda, 16-1 others.

1989: CHAMPAGNE GOLD 9-2 W Carson (9-2) Denys Smith 12 ran

FORM FOCUS FOURSINGH ran on well inside final furlong to finish ¾l 2nd to Ayr Classic at York (6f, good); previously defeated Pay Homage head at Bath (5f, firm).
HALF A TICK beaten 1l by prolific scorer Timeless Times at Catterick (6f, good to firm) after defeating Dream of Tomorrow 3l at Salisbury (5f, firm).
LEVEL XING dual scorer at Kempton defeating Gone Savage ¾l with BIRLING ASHES (5lb better of) 10l 4th, in April (5f) and Plan of Action a neck the following month (6f, good to firm).
MADAGANS GREY ridden out to defeat Routing 5l in auction event at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with DEADLY TOUCH (5lb better off) poor 14th. VILLAGE PET made all to defeat Jimili 2½l in Bath maiden (5f, firm).
Selection: FOURSINGH

2.45 DIOMED STAKES (Group III: £23,652: 1m 110yd) (9 runners) C4

201 (5) 1135-36 LANDYAP 14 (D) (Drummohr Investments Ltd) D Elsworth 6-9-6 B Rouse 82
202 (7) 11322/1- LUZUM 408 (B,D,F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 6-9-6 R Hills 88
203 (1) 33210-1 MIRROR BLACK 17 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Webster) P Makin 4-9-6 J Reid 98
204 (8) 12153-6 FILIA ARDROSS 39 (D,G,S) (Dr K Rohde) A Stewart 4-9-3 M Roberts 97
205 (6) 2134-35 MAGIC GLEAM 19 (D,F,G) (M Al-Maktoum) A Scott 4-9-3 Pat Eddery ● 99
206 (4) 460-080 VAGUE SHOT 10 (D,F,G,S) (Vague Shot Partnership) C Brittain 7-9-3 R Cochrane 82
207 (2) 2-3214 ETON LAD 26 (CD,G) (W Said) N Callaghan 3-8-6 C Asmussen 87
208 (9) 213-224 LAXEY BAY 21 (D,F) (Sir Gordon White) B Hills 3-8-6 M Hills 90
209 (3) 111-640 NOBLE PATRIARCH 18 (D,F,G) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 3-8-6 W Carson 88

BETTING: 9-4 Magic Gleam, 3-1 Princess Accord, 7-2 Mirror Black, 6-1 Luzum, 8-1 Eton Lad, Landytap, 10-1 others.

1989: SHINING STEEL 3-8-7 S Cauthen (11-2) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS MIRROR BLACK led inside final furlong to defeat Sharp N' Early 1¾l on reappearance in group III event at Baden-Baden (1m, good).
FILLIA ARDROSS one paced 6¾l 6th to Dolpour on seasonal bow in group III contest at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm); excellent effort on final start last term in Group II event at Longchamp (1m 1f 55yd, good to soft) finishing ¾l 3rd to Athyka.
MAGIC GLEAM 4l 5th to Safawan at Newbury (1m, good to firm); top class efforts last term included 4l defeat of Ensconse in Group II event at Newmarket (1m, good) and ¾l 2nd to Golden Opinion in Group I contest at Royal Ascot (1m, firm).
ETON LAD 9l 4th to Just Three at Phoenix Park (1m, good). LAXEY BAY latest 5½l 4th to Sanglamore in Group II event at York (1m 2f 110yd, good). NOBLE PATRIARCH 4¾l 7th of 9 to Tirol on latest start in group I Irish 2,000 Guineas at The Curragh (1m).
Selection: MAGIC GLEAM

3.45 EVER READY DERBY (Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £355,000: 1m 4f) (18 runners) C4

RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE RIGHT

4.40 NIGHT RIDER HANDICAP (£13,940: 5f) (14 runners) C4

401 (10) 200-085 MIAMI BANKER 25 (B,D,G,S) (J Amess) P Arthur 4-9-10 M Roberts 91
402 (1) 400008 SKI CAPTAIN 13 (D,F,G,S) (B Dickson) P Howling 6-9-8 T Williams 96
403 (6) 05/0221 JONDEBE BOY 13 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Jordan) G Moore 6-9-8 W Carson ● 99
404 (13) 141102 LOVE LEGEND 13 (B,D,F,G) (M Gillespie) D Arbuthnot 5-9-8 Pat Eddery 96
405 (9) 83-3332 JOE SUGDEN 27 (D,F,S) (B Allen) P Howling 6-9-7 W Newnes 93
406 (12) 014400/ SUPER ZOOM 593 (D,S) (B Taylor) M Channon 4-9-7 B Rouse —
407 (3) 003000- GALLANT HOPE 235 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 8-9-5 G Bardwell 92
408 (11) 443-4 FEROX 15 (Lord Robin Russell) D Elsworth 4-9-2 S Cauthen 84
409 (5) 840-802 PENDOR DANCER 11 (B,D,F,G) (R Bettney) W Carter 7-8-12 J Williams 93
410 (4) 220000- GRAND PRIX 243 (D,F) (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 5-8-11 C Asmussen 83
411 (14) 21410-0 PUSSY FOOT 13 (CD,F,G) (Mrs C Phillipson) M Prescott 4-8-9 G Duffield 94
412 (7) 4445-41 MERTOLA'S PET 4 (D,F) (Capt. J George) L Cottrell 4-8-1 (7ex) Dale Gibson (3) 97
413 (2) 350002 FARMER JOCK 18 (D,F) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-8-0 C Rutter 88
414 (8) 40000-4 PRINCESS CAERLEON 18 (D,S) (B Young) G Eden 4-7-12 A Munro 93

BETTING: 7-4 Jondebe Boy, 4-1 Princess Caerleon, 5-1 Love Legend, 8-1 Pendor Dancer, 10-1 Joe Sugden, 12-1 Farmer Jock, Pussy Foot, 14-1 Ferox, 16-1 Ski Captain, 20-1 others.

1989: GALLANT HOPE 7-7-10 W Shoemaker (6-1) L Cottrell 10 ran

FORM FOCUS JONDEBE BOY made all to defeat LOVE LEGEND (11lb better off) 4l at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) with SKI CAPTAIN (17lb better off) 4l 6th and PUSSY FOOT (15lb better off) ¾l 8th.
JOE SUGDEN continued in form at Chester (5f, good) finishing 1½l 2nd of 11 to R A Express; previously led 1f out until well inside final furlong at Sandown (5f, good to firm) finishing ¾l 3rd to Micro Love with MIAMI BANKER (5lb better off) 3l 6th and LOVE LEGEND (1lb better off) 4l 12th. FEROX one paced 9l 4th of 15 to Sporting Simon on latest start in Salisbury handicap (6f, firm). PENDOR DANCER returned to form at Lingfield (5f, good to firm), being caught close home to be beaten a short-head by Harry's Coming. MERTOLA'S PET made all to defeat Frimley Parkson 1l in Lingfield handicap (5f, firm).
Selection: JONDEBE BOY

5.10 BUTTERLEY BRICK HANDICAP (£18,975: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

501 (7) 2063-06 LAPIERRE 43 (G,S) (Mrs J Khan) C Brittain 5-9-12 M Roberts 88
502 (3) 4045-65 GRAN ALBA 81 (D,F) (C Kilroy) R Hannon 4-9-10 B Rouse 82
503 (8) 50/1116- UNKNOWN QUANTITY 275 (D,G,S) W Hastings-Bass 5-9-10 Pat Eddery 91
504 (2) 4115-12 WASSL PORT 29 (BF,F,G,S) (H Kaskel) B Hills 4-9-5 M Hills ● 99
505 (11) 120116 EVICHSTAR 38 (B,F,G) (G Meredith) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-9-3 K Fallon 85
506 (5) 030-089 SKY CONQUEROR 9 (D,F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 5-8-12 S Cauthen 84
507 (4) 811-040 FIRE TOP 38 (CD,F,G) (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 5-8-11 R Cochrane 86
508 (9) 1/0026-0 ALMASRIC PETE 51 (F) (M Everett) R Smyth 4-8-6 T Quinn 80
509 (6) 2410-03 ALJARIH 29 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 4-8-4 R Hills 88
510 (10) 6405-01 PETITE ROSANNA 22 (CD,F,G) (T Mills) W Carter 4-8-2 (5ex) W Carson 94
511 (1) 10-0008 SNO SERENADE 5 (C,F,G) (Mrs J Gold) R Boss 4-7-12 Dale Gibson (3) 87

BETTING: 3-1 Wassl Port, 4-1 Petite Rosanna, 6-1 Aljarih, 8-1 Fire Top, Sky Conqueror, 10-1 Evichstar, Unknown Quantity, 12-1 Lapierre, Gran Alba, 16-1 others.

1989: MAIN OBJECTIVE 4-8-6 R Cochrane (3-1 fav) L Cumani 12 ran

5.45 CRAVEN HANDICAP (£8,637: 7f) (16 runners)

601 (14) 11/600-1 LOMAX 35 (B,D,F,S) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 4-10-0 Pat Eddery 88
602 (12) 5201-00 DAWN SUCCESS 20 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Paterson) C Britain 4-9-13 R Cochrane 86
603 (4) 100031 PROFLIC 9 (F,G,S) (J Goodman) J H Wilson 5-9-4 (5ex) G Duffield 90
604 (2) 000-030 BERTIE WOOSTER 18 (BF,F,G,S) (Miss A Rawding) R Holder 7-9-2 M Roberts 88
605 (6) 253210- SOUTHERN SKY 245 (CD,BF,F,G) (B Brown) D Elsworth 5-9-1 S Cauthen 82
606 (13) 060-025 SYLVAN TEMPEST 12 (S) (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 4-8-13 W R Swinburn 89
607 (3) 3-63100 HARD TO FIGURE 29 (CD,F,G) (J Murrell) R Hodges 4-8-12 J Williams 84
608 (16) 22312-1 NED'S AURA 9 (D,F,S) (D Soley) R Whitaker 5-8-8 (5ex) Dale Gibson (3) 95
609 (10) 2001-00 BOULES 34 (S) (M Cummings) L Cottrell 4-8-4 T Lang 89
610 (1) 10-4400 VANROY 16 (D,F,G,S) (D Garrard) J Jenkins 6-8-3 S Wood (3) 94
611 (8) 06-2211 SPORTING SIMON 15 (F) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 5-8-2 G Bardwell ● 99
612 (5) 41-0112 GRATCLO 5 (D,F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 4-8-0 W Carson 89
613 (11) 065515 GREEN DOLLAR 15 (F,G) (B Azamoudeh) E Wheeler 7-7-12 D J Williams 92
614 (9) 01/6-0 SOUPCON 43 (B,S) (Mrs J Clark) Miss B Sanders 4-7-11 T Williams —
615 (15) 000024 AL-TORFANAN 16 (V,D,BF,F,G) (A Cousins) P Howling 6-7-7 D Holland (7) 87
616 (7) 680-005 SIR CROON 21 (M Cummings) L Cottrell 4-7-7 N Adams 75

Long handicap: Al-Torfanan 7-1, Sir Croon 6-10.

BETTING: 9-4 Lomax, 4-1 Gratclo, 9-2 Sporting Simon, 7-1 Ned's Aura, 10-1 Proflic, 12-1 Southern Sky, 14-1 Hard To Figure, Sylvan Tempest, 16-1 others.

1989: SOUTHERN SKY 4-8-3 S Dawson (14-1) D Elsworth 17 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
A Stewart	4	12	33.3	G Duffield	5	24	20.8
M Prescott	3	10	30.0	S Cauthen	27	147	18.4
H Cecil	10	34	29.4	Pat Eddery	29	171	17.0
J Berry	5	22	22.7	M Roberts	12	80	15.0
R Whitaker	4	19	21.1	T Quinn	11	74	14.9
W Hastings-Bass	3	17	17.6	R Cochrane	13	87	14.9

BIG RACE LINE-UP C4

3.45 EVER READY DERBY (Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £355,000: 1m 4f) (18 runners)

301 (7) 61100-0 AROMATIC 32 (F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 A Clark 74
(b c Known Fact - Mint) (Green, pink sash, green cap, white sleeves)
302 (8) 10-6 BASTILLE DAY 18 (F) (R Sangster) T Stack (Ire) 9-0 S Craine 86
(ch c Persian Bold - Marie Antoinette) (Emerald green, royal blue sleeves, yellow cap, green spots)
303 (13) 51-1 BLUE STAG 27 (F,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0 C Asmussen 92
(b c Sadler's Wells - Snow Day) (Emerald green, royal blue sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots)
304 (2) 412 BOOKCASE 11 (F) (Miss R Wakeford) D Elsworth 9-0 J Williams 64
(b c Siberian Express) (Purple & royal blue diamonds, royal blue sleeves & cap)
305 (11) 211-5 DIGRESSION 14 (BF,F,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 W R Swinburn 90
(b c Seattle Slew - Double Axle) (Green, pink sash, white cap & sleeves)
306 (1) 1-21 DUKE OF PADUCAH 26 (F,G) (J Garcia-Roady) G Harwood 9-0 R Cochrane 89
(Gr c Green Dancer - Flordelisada) (Grey, yellow spots, grey sleeves, yellow cap)
307 (4) 11-102 ELMAAMUL 14 (F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 W Carson 88
(ch c Diesis - Modena) (Royal blue, white epaulets, striped cap)
308 (3) 2-3 KAHEEL 11 (F Kalla) A Stewart 9-0 M Roberts 79
(ch c Caro - Escaline) (Pink, purple epaulets, purple cap)
309 (5) 6110-32 KARINGA BAY 21 (F,G) (K Higson) Denys Smith 9-0 B Rouse 93
(ch c Ardross Handy Dancer) (Royal blue, white cross of lorraine, red cap, white spots)
310 (9) 112-11 LINAMIX 31 (G,S) (J Lagardere) F Boutin (Fr) 9-0 G Mosse ● 99
(gr c Mendez - Lunadix) (Grey, pink cap)
311 (16) 3613-43 MISSIONARY RIDGE 29 (F) (Sir Gordon White) B Hills 9-0 M Hills 83
(ch c Caerleon - Shellshock) (Red & white stripes, white sleeves, yellow cap)
312 (18) 1-25 MR BROOKS 18 (V,S) (P Green) K Connolly (Ire) 9-0 P Shanahan 87
(b c Blazing Saddles - Double Finesse) (Light blue, dark blue diamond & diamond on cap)
313 (10) 2-12 QUEST FOR FAME 29 (G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0 Pat Eddery 93
(b c Rainbow Quest - Aryenne) (Green, pink sash & cap, white sleeves)
314 (14) 111 RAZEEN 14 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 S Cauthen 93
(b c Northern Dancer - Secret Asset) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)
315 (12) 3-1 RIVER GOD 30 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 M J Kinane 73
(b c Val De L'Orne - Princess Morvi) (Maroon, white sleeves, white cap)
316 (17) 21-430 SOBER MIND 10 (B,F) (G Mazza) P Kelleway 9-0 A Munro 83
(b c Caro - Lolly Dolly) (White, pink spots, royal blue sleeves, pink cap)
317 (6) 1-014 TREBLE EIGHT 10 (F) (L Monaldi) M Jarvis 9-0 B Raymond 78
(ch c Kings Lake - Persian Polly) (Black, pink cross belts, pink cap)
318 (15) 1-2 ZOMAN 31 (F) (Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 96
(ch c Affirmed - A Little Affection) (Dark green)

BETTING: 5-2 Razeen, 6-1 Zoman, 7-1 Linamix, 8-1 Blue Stag, Quest For Fame, 10-1 Elmaamul, 12-1 Karinga Bay, 14-1 Digression, 20-1 Duke Of Paducah, River God, 33-1 others.

1989: NASHWAN 9-0 W Carson (5-4 fav) W Hern 12 ran

The Times selections: **Mandarin (Michael Phillips):** Quest For Fame. **Michael Seely:** Quest For Fame. **Private Handicapper:** Linamix. **Newmarket Correspondent:** Razeen.

Form guide to the 18 contenders

AROMATIC
May 5, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-12) always behind 10th to Glen Kate (9-5) (7f, h'cap, £11,550, 13 ran).
Oct 31, Redcar, good: (9-7) 9¾l 8th to Karazan (8-13) (1m, h'cap, £12,823, 15 ran).
Oct 6, Goodwood, good: (9-7) 14l 8th to Noble Patriarch (8-10) (1m, hcap, £3,904, 10 ran).

BASTILLE DAY
May 19, The Curragh, good: see MR BROOKS.
Oct 7, Phoenix Park, good to yielding: (9-0) well beaten 12th to The Caretaker (8-11) (7f, listed, £499,450, 20 ran).
Sep 13, Fairyhouse, good to firm: (9-0) beat Catch Twenty Two (9-0) head (7f, maiden, £6,900, 8 ran).

BLUE STAG
May 10, Chester, good: (8-12) beat Saumarez (9-2) ¾l (1m 2f 85yd, listed, £23,168, 5 ran).
Oct 23, Nottingham, good to firm: (9-0) beat Snurge (9-0) 1½l (1m 2f, maiden, £1,920, 13 ran).
Oct 5, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-0) 7l 5th to Cutting Note (9-0) (7f, maiden, £4,776, 21 ran).

BOOKCASE
May 26, Doncaster, good to firm: (9-4) 6l 2nd to Private Tender (9-4) (1m 2f 50yd, grad, £2,360, 2 ran).
May 18, Kempton, good to firm: (9-0) beat Sharp Salute (9-0) head (1m 1f, maiden, £2,791, 9 ran).
Apr 27, Sandown, good to firm: (8-11) 12l 4th to Saumarez (9-2) (1m, grad, £5,357, 11 ran).

DIGRESSION
May 23, Goodwood, good to firm: see RAZEEN.
Sep 30, Ascot, good to firm: (8-10) beat Bridal Toast (8-10) 3l (1m, group II, £60,939, 8 ran).
Sep 1, Kempton, good: (8-11) beat Bold Ambition (8-11) 3l (7f, grad, £4,425, 9 ran).

DUKE OF PADUCAH
May 11, Lingfield, good to firm: (9-4) beat Ridgepoint (8-11) 3l (1m 3f 106yd, £3,384, 2 ran).
Apr 19, Newmarket, good: (9-2) ½l 2nd to Lord Of The Field (8-11) with TREBLE EIGHT (9-0) 14¾l 7th (1m 1f, listed, £12,793, 9 ran).
Oct 21, Newmarket, good: (8-12) beat Atoll (9-0) short-head (7f, £9,942, 13 ran).

ELMAAMUL
May 23, Goodwood, good to firm: see RAZEEN.
May 5, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-0) 9¾l 7th to Tirol (9-0) (1m, group I, £106,491, 14 ran).
Apr 14, Kempton, good: (8-10) beat Raj Waki (8-10) ¾l (1m, listed, £10,820, 9 ran).

KAHEEL
May 25, Kempton, good to firm: (8-12) 2¾l 3rd to Lord Florey (8-12) (1m, listed, £13,923, 4 ran).
Sep 29, Ascot, good to firm: (8-11) 3l 2nd to Shavian (8-11) (7f, grad, £8,928, 5 ran).

KARINGA BAY
May 16, York, good: (9-0) 1½l 2nd to Sanglamore (9-0) (1m 2f 110yd, group II, £75,600, 7 ran).
Apr 28, Sandown, good to firm: (8-11) 6l 3rd to Defensive Play (8-11) with MISSIONARY RIDGE (8-11) ¾l 4th (1m 2f, group III, £31,362, 8 ran).
Oct 26, Newbury, soft: see MISSIONARY RIDGE.

LINAMIX
May 6, Longchamp, good: (9-2) beat ZOMAN (9-2) 1½l (1m, group I, £107,181, 7 ran).
Apr 16, Longchamp, soft: (9-2) beat Septieme Ciel (9-2) 2½l (1m, group III, £20,477, 8 ran).
Oct 7, Longchamp, good: (8-11) ¾l 2nd to Jade Robbery (8-11) (1m, group I, £108,108, 8 ran).

MISSIONARY RIDGE
May 8, Chester, good: see QUEST FOR FAME.
Apr 28, Sandown, good to firm: see KARINGA BAY.
Oct 26, Newbury, soft: (8-12) 2½l 3rd to Tirol (8-12) with KARINGA BAY (9-1) 19½l 7th (7f 60yd, group III, £27,164, 8 ran).

MR BROOKS
May 19, The Curragh, good: (9-0) 2l 5th to Tirol (9-0) with BASTILLE DAY (9-0) ¾l 6th (1m, group I, £134,400, 9 ran).
Apr 14, The Curragh, good: (8-7) head 2nd to Great Lakes (9-9) (7f, group III, £14,425, 9 ran).
Oct 28, Leopardstown, yielding to soft: (9-0) beat Grand Rapids (9-0) 6l (7f, maiden, £2,070, 16 ran).

QUEST FOR FAME
May 8, Chester, good: (8-11) 1l 2nd to Belmez (8-11) with MISSIONARY RIDGE (8-11) 10l 3rd (1m 4f 65yd, group III, £24,771, 3 ran).
Apr 20, Newbury, good: (9-0) beat Dress Parade (9-0) 1¾l (1m 3f, maiden, £4,272, 21 ran).
Oct 26, Newbury, heavy: (8-11) 4l 2nd to Tyburn Tree (8-11) (1m, grad, £8,916, 23 ran).

RAZEEN
May 23, Goodwood, good to firm: (8-12) beat ELMAAMUL (9-1) 4l with DIGRESSION (9-4) 1l 5th (1m 2f, listed, £18,438, 8 ran).
May 9, Sandown, good to firm: (9-5) beat Rejoneo (8-11) neck (1m, grad, £3,160, 2 ran).
Apr 21, Newbury, good: (9-0) beat Sflca An' Key (9-0) ¾l (1m, maiden, £4,486, 25 ran).

RIVER GOD
May 7, Doncaster, good to firm: (9-0) beat Dandoon (9-0) 10l (1m 4f, maiden, £2,060, 6 ran).
Nov 4, Newmarket, good to soft: (9-0) 7¾l 3rd to Rami (9-0) (7f, maiden, £2,910, 28 ran).

SOBER MIND
May 27, Rome, good to firm: see TREBLE EIGHT.
May 6, Longchamp, good: (9-2) 3¾l 3rd to Top Waltz (9-2) (1m 4f, group II, £44,834, 7 ran).
Apr 24, Epsom, good: (9-1) 4¾l 4th to Shout And Sing (8-12) (1m 4f, listed, £10,380, 6 ran).

TREBLE EIGHT
May 27, Rome, good to firm: (9-2) 8¾l 4th to Houmayoun (9-2) with SOBER MIND (9-2) well behind (1m 4f, group I, £194,817, 22 ran).
May 14, Windsor, good to firm: (8-7) beat Zubrowka (8-11) 1¾l (1m 2f 22yd, grad, £2,942, 24 ran).
Apr 19, Newmarket, good: see DUKE OF PADUCAH.

ZOMAN
May 6, Longchamp, good: see LINAMIX.
Oct 16, Chepstow, good to firm: (9-0) beat Verdeuse (8-9) 1l (7f, maiden, £2,889, 17 ran).
Selection: LINAMIX (nap)

YARMOUTH

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Chief Ornament.	2.00 Chief Ornament.
2.30 Duck Hands.	2.30 Great Affair.
3.00 Bottles.	3.00 Bottles.
3.30 Western Dynasty.	3.30 Western Dynasty.
4.00 Adamik.	4.00 Adamik.
4.30 Wasnah.	4.30 Elmajarrah.
5.00 La Grange Music.	5.00 La Grange Music.

Going: good to firm (round course); good (straight course) SIS

Draw: 5f-1m, high numbers best

2.0 FRITTON LAKE MAIDEN FILLIES GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £2,060: 6f) (4 runners)

1 (4) 2 BROWN FAIRY 51 (BF) (Kennet Valley Ltd) R Williams 8-11 — ● 99
2 (1) CHIEF ORNAMENT (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan —
3 (3) 6 FLIGHT OF PLEASURE 18 (H Mould) B Hanbury 8-11 L Dettori —
4 (2) 6 NILU 9 (A Unanimme) G Huffer 8-11 L Newton (7) 81

BETTING: 4-7 Chief Ornament, 2-1 Brown Fairy, 8-1 Flight Of Pleasure, 12-1 Nilu.

1989: FLAMBERGE 8-11 W Ryan (1-5 fav) H Cecil 4 ran

2.30 FLEGGS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,406: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (8) 4 GREAT AFFAIR 72 (BF) (G Turnbull Ltd) J Eustace 8-11 M Tebbutt 85
2 (3) 00 PELAW 15 (C Newton Jnr Ltd) T Fairhurst 8-11 G Baxter 83
3 (9) TODAY'S FANCY (Mrs V O'Brien) Pat Mitchell 8-11 R Hills (5) —
4 (6) AISLABY DAYS (D Emery) J Harris 8-6 J Quinn —
5 (1) 5 DUCK HANDS 23 (M Tompkins) M Tompkins 8-6 N Day —
6 (4) 580 JUST VIRGINIA 16 (J David Abell) P Felgate 8-6 L Dettori ● 99
7 (7) 04 KIRBY OPPORTUNITY 28 (P Bradley) G Blum 8-6 G Carter 93
8 (2) 00 LINKRIS 37 (V) (Carriageway Racing Ltd) R Stubbs 8-6 A Mackay —
9 (5) TUPPAT (Giles Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-6 W Hood —

BETTING: 5-2 Great Affair, 7-2 Kirby Opportunity, 4-1 Duck Hands, 5-1 Pelaw, 10-1 Linkris, Tuppat, 12-1 others.

1989: POWER SHIFT 8-11 Paul Eddery (3-1) M Jarvis 7 ran

3.0 WESTMINSTER-MOTOR TAXI INSURANCE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,234: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

1 (6) 0-331 BOTTLES 12 (F) (Bottles Restaurant Sheringham) G Huffer 9-7 L Newton (7) 94
2 (7) 41-4 MADIRIYA 53 (F) (Aga Khan) L Cumani 9-1 L Dettori 93
3 (5) 05-2130 SATIS DANCER 39 (C,F) (N Morris) M Ryan 8-12 G Carter 94
4 (5) 10-02 HAFHAFAH 25 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-10 N Carlisle 94
5 (2) 214-261 SHIFTING BREEZE 9 (D,F,G) (Mrs T Binnington) T T-Jones 8-9 (5ex) S Whitworth 94
6 (3) 0-002 SHOWMANSHIP 11 (Mrs C Wall) C Wall 8-4 W Lituda (7) 93
7 (4) 0-050 RAINBOW STRIPES 22 (J Strecker) R Guest 8-2 Paul Eddery ● 99
8 (1) 080-150 ROCK FACE 23 (D) (Mrs C Phlipson) M Prescott 7-13 — 94

BETTING: 11-4 Madiriya, 3-1 Bottles, 4-1 Shifting Breeze, 5-1 Hafhafah, 8-1 Showmanship, 10-1 Rainbow Stripes, Satis Dancer, 12-1 Rock Face.

1989: SPLENDID CAREER 8-12 L Dettori (10-11 fav) L Cumani 10 ran

3.30 ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT HANDICAP (£2,280: 1m 6f) (7 runners)

1 (7) 423-600 TURMERIC 5 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Morley) D Morley 7-10-0 S Whitworth 94
2 (5) 546-613 CREEAGER 8 (F,S) (J Berry) J Wharton 8-9-11 S Turner (7) ● 99
3 (4) 31-0002 NORTHWOLD STAR 11 (V,C,S) (T Jennings) D Thom 4-9-9 Paul Eddery 98
4 (1) 0/44-304 WESTERN DYNASTY 11 (M Kerrish) M Ryan 4-9-8 G Carter 97
5 (2) 6250-05 MOON REEF 21 (S) (Park Lodge Racing) J Eustace 4-9-6 M Tebbutt 95
6 (3) 42550-1 CLASS ACT 8 (F) (G Howard-Spink) J Hills 4-9-5 (4ex) W Ryan 96
7 (6) 610-346 PLAUSIBLE 13 (F,S) (Unicorn Ltd) K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-4 L Dettori 98

BETTING: 11-4 Class Act, 7-2 Northwold Star, 4-1 Creeager, 5-1 Plausible, 15-2 Western Dynasty, 8-1 Moon Reef, 10-1 Turmeric.

1989: HARD TO COME BY 4-9-3 S Whitworth (2-1 fav) D Morley 11 ran

4.0 CALIFORNIA MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,677: 1m) (20 runners)

1 (13) 2 ADAMIK 18 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan 98
2 (4) 025 BARFORD LAD 9 (Mrs C Handscombe) G Huffer 9-0 M Wigham 89
3 (6) 4 BEDOUIN PRINCE 33 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 M L Thomas 70
4 (19) 04 BLUEFIELD BAY 18 (Oceanic Limited) R Armstrong 9-0 L Dettori 87
5 (17) CARDINAL BIRD (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 G Brown —
6 (10) 54-0 CLEAR LIGHT 8 (J Adams) G Huffer 9-0 L Newton (7) 78
7 (20) 0- DISTINCT NATIVE 215 (Dr Cornel Li) R Armstrong 9-0 — 77
8 (15) 0- DOSTOYEVSKY 214 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 Paul Eddery —
9 (18) GLOWING PRAISE (Mrs H Phillips) C Britain 9-0 B Marcus —
10 (7) 0 GOOD FOR A LOAN 23 (Lady McAlpine) A Stewart 9-0 W Wharton —
11 (8) 0350-05 HINTLESHAM HARRY 18 (Hintlesham Hall) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 A McGlone 79
12 (9) 0- LES SYLPHIDES 211 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 C Hawksley (7) —
13 (11) MUIZENBERG (Mrs G Webb Bronfman) R Armstrong 9-0 A Shoults —
14 (14) 03- QUAVERING 214 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 G Baxter ● 99
15 (1) TURKISH STAR (E Fustok) M Moubarak 9-0 NON-RUNNER —
16 (5) 0- BURAN 211 (Sir G White) J Fanshawe 8-9 N Day 75
17 (2) 0-4 DERECHEF 8 (Mrs G Forbes) T Thomson Jones 8-9 S Whitworth 91
18 (12) 0- KINKAJOO 212 (Mrs G Paet) M Jarvis 8-9 J Quinn —
19 (16) 0 MATOMANI 19 (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-9 G Carter 69
20 (3) 0- WHISPERING SEA 211 (J Mitchell) N Graham 8-9 N Carlisle —

BETTING: 11-8 Adamik, 4-1 Quavering, 5-1 Dostoyevsky, 8-1 Barford Lad, 9-1 Les Sylphides, 10-1 Bluefield Bay, 12-1 others.

1989: SHAMIRAMI 9-0 G Carter (5-1) M Stoute 19 ran

4.30 MERCHANT'S HOUSE MAIDEN FILLIES GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,060: 1m 3f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 (1) 0-60 BONNY ROSA 26 (T Harness) G Huffer 8-11 M Wigham 57
2 (8) 0-34 CUM LAUDE 12 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan 78
3 (5) 40- DREAMING SPIRES 272 (N Phillips) C Britain 8-11 B Marcus 71
4 (7) 22 ELMAJARRAH 19 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 N Carlisle 87
5 (2) GOLDEN DARLING (J Mebee) L Cumani 8-11 L Dettori —
6 (5) 6-4 PIPITINA 26 (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 8-11 G Carter 80
7 (10) ROYAL MAZI (Sir P Oppenheimer) C Wall 8-11 N Day —
8 (3) 3- SAGAR ISLAND 233 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 P D'Arcy 80
9 (4) TANBURE (M Kura) B Hanbury 8-11 R Smith (7) —
10 (9) VIRELAI (S Manana) H Cecil 8-11 S Davies (7) —
11 (12) 2-424 WASNAH 19 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 A McGlone ● 99
12 (11) 6- ZABARRJAD 211 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 Elaine Stannard (7) —

BETTING: 9-4 Wasnah, 3-1 Cum Laude, 4-1 Elmajarrah, 5-1 Sagar Island, 6-1 Golden Darling, 12-1 Pipitina, 14-1 others.

1989: RUBELITE 8-11 C Dwyer (20-1) A Stewart 18 ran

5.0 HEYDON HALL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,343: 6f) (10 runners)

1 (4) 1 LA GRANGE MUSIC 19 (D,F) (R Cole Shilton) G Huffer 3-10-8 N Kennedy 93
2 (10) 1818-52 LA BELLE VIE 28 (CD,F,G) (R Lawson) D Wilson 4-9-9 L Newton 97
3 (7) 3020-55 SHARP TIMES 19 (C,D,F,G,S) (F Briggs) W Musson 7-9-4 A Spence (5) 95
4 (1) 314030 HENRY WILL 5 (D,F,G,S) (G Leggott) T Fairhurst 8-8-13 — 52
5 (3) 10040-0 CREEFLEUR 23 (D,S) (A Sutherland) K Brassey 4-8-5 Kim McDonnell 85
6 (5) 00000-6 MAIDEN BIDDER 6 (D,F,G) (J Hollins) D Wilson 8-8-4 — 91
7 (6) 403-002 CHANDANNE 16 (Talon Construction Ltd) T Casey 3-8-4 K Rutter 90
8 (8) 0530-00 ZANOBA 30 (A Salem) F Durr 3-8-3 G Mitchell (5) 96
9 (2) 0000-00 FIRST FLUSH 18 (R Steggs) K Ivory 4-7-10 — ● 99
10 (9) 50000-0 KIRBY'S BEST 8 (D Baldwin) G Blum 3-7-7 — 87

BETTING: 5-2 La Belle Vie, 11-4 Sharp Times, 3-1 First Flush, 5-1 Henry Will, 6-1 La Grange Music, 10-1 others.

1989: MEL'S ROSE 4-9-4 L Newton (6-1) G Huffer 15 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	43	109	39.4	A McGlone	4	18	22.2
M Stoute	37	126	29.4	W Hood	4	18	22.2
J Gosden	4	15	26.7	L Newton	3	14	21.4
D Wilson	3	14	21.4	L Dettori	6	31	19.4
M Prescott	9	43	20.9	N Carlisle	3	16	18.8
L Cumani	21	106	19.8	W Ryan	16	99	16.2

(Not including yesterday's results)

BEVERLEY

Selections

By Mandarin

6.45 Bobby On The Bank. 7.10 Azubah. 7.35 Furajet. 8.5 Monarda. 8.35 Cullinan. 9.5 Emeritus.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.45 Eladham. 7.10 No Sharps Or Flats. 7.35 Furajet. 8.5 Scarlet Express. 8.35 Cullinan. 9.5 Spofforth.

Going: firm **Draw: 5f, high numbers best**

6.45 HURN APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (£2,469: 1m 2f) (13)

1 -244 ELADHAM 9 (BF,F) D Morley 4-10-0 E Bentley (7) 4
2 6-05 HAND IN GLOVE 11 W Haggas 4-9-8 Ron Hillis 7
3 0-00 TOUCHLIN PRIDE 11 Miss L Siddall 4-9-8 T McLaughlin (7) 2
4 0006 REINDEER WALK 18 (C,F,G) D Chapman 8-9-0 R Lappin 10
5 4602 BOBBY ON THE BANK 12 (B) M O'Neill 4-8-12 J Fortune 6
6 4021 DAMART 18 (V,F,G,S) M Naughton 6-8-12 Abigail Pearce 13
7 0-00 WITHIN REASON 22 P Felgate 3-8-12 R Price 5
8 0000 TROJE'S GUEST 7 S Norton 3-8-12 F Norton (7) 9
9 0-45 FIRST BORN 56 D Dutton 3-8-11 Mick Denaro (7) 3
10 -063 COME HOME KINGSLEY 7 J Berry 3-8-8 S Haworth (7) 12
11 00-0 SANDSUND 18 M Tompkins 3-8-8 P Hutton 8
12 600/ BARSTOX BOY 21 J L Barratt 5-8-8 P Dalton 11
13 00-0 GO GO BOY 18 S Bowring 3-7-7 Kiri Beeching (7) 1

3-1 Bobby On The Bank, 4-1 Damart, 5-1 Come Home Kingsley, Eladham, 8-1 Hand In Glove, 12-1 others.

7.10 LAND LEISURE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,721: 1m 100yd) (12)

1 5004 RAGE 9 M H Easterby 9-7 M Birch 6
2 0500 KIRSTENBOSCH 11 T Barron 9-5 Alex Greaves (5) 10
3 6261 AZUBAH 5 (F) G Moore 9-4 (6ex) Dean McKeown 11
4 0605 ABLE PLAYER 42 C Thornton 9-2 W Newnes 3
5 20-0 NO SHARPS OR FLATS 23 J Fanshawe 9-0 J Lowe 4
6 -054 SANDMOOR DENIM 18 S Bowring 8-10 S Webster 7
7 6006 SHARP RUNNER 25 D Chapman 8-10 D Nicholls 2
8 0-00 SATIN LAKE 19 S Norton 8-9 F Norton (7) 9
9 0-00 DORSET DELIGHT 22 T Thomson Jones 8-6 K Darley 8
10 40-0 LOMBARD FLYER 11 (V) M O'Neill 8-5 J Fortune (5) 12
11 5202 BIG ECK 5 (B,F) M Britain 8-5 T Williams 1
12 0-05 ARABIAN STAR 16 (B) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-1 L Charnock 5

11-4 Azubah, 7-2 Able Player, 9-2 No Sharps Or Flats, 5-1 Arabian Star, 8-1 Rage, Sandmoor Denim, 16-1 others.

7.35 25th HILARY NEEDLER TROPHY (2-Y-O fillies: £7,440: 5f) (7)

1 1 FURAJET 9 (F) (D) A Scott 8-10 M Birch 6
2 1034 GODSCHARM 19 (F) (CD) M Britain 8-10 K Darley 5
3 421 IMITATE 18 (B) J Etherington 8-10 N Connorton 7
4 41 KANDARA 27 (G) (D) M Johnston 8-10 R P Elliott 3
5 146 MISS EL ARAB 23 (F) (D) E Alston 8-10 S Webster 4
6 21 PRETTY POPPY 9 (F) (D) J Hetherton 8-10 W Newnes 1
7 31 UNVEILED 15 (F) (D) M McCormack 8-10 Paul Eddery 2

15-8 Furajet, 5-2 Unveiled, 11-2 Pretty Poppy, 7-1 Imitate, Kandara, 14-1 Godscharm, 33-1 Miss El Arab.

8.5 SCARBOROUGH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,054: 1m 4f) (7)

1 03-3 CHAPMAN'S PEAK 28 D Morley 9-7 M Birch 1
2 1642 GREAT SERVICE 40 (B) Ronald Thompson 9-5 R P Elliott 3
3 5012 MONARDA 16 (F) (D,BF) P Cole 9-1 T Quinn 5
4 0020 GUEST RIGHT 23 M Britain 9-1 P Sedgwick 7
5 5320 SCARLET EXPRESS 51 (B) P Kelleway 8-9 Dean McKeown 6
6 0005 MACCONACHIE 23 T Barron 8-6 Alex Greaves (5) 4
7 -030 SPIRIT AWAY 9 S Norton 8-6 J Fortune (5) 2

2-1 Monarda, 100-30 Chapman's Peak, 9-2 Great Service, 6-1 Scarlet Express, 10-1 Guest Right, 16-1 others.

8.35 DERBY DAY STAKES (£3,622: 5f) (10)

1 0095 RESTLESS DON 11 (F) (D) G Moore 5-10-9 D Thompson (7) 7
2 1430 NUCLEON 35 W O'Gorman 4-9-8 Emma O'Gorman (7) 6
3 215- VICEROY 287 (F,G) (D) W Pearce 3-9-4 D Nicholls 5
4 01-0 TAKEALL 11 (F) (D) B McMahon 3-9-2 Ron Hillis (5) 8
5 145- BREEZY DAY 296 (B) (CD) B McMahon 4-8-12 T Quinn 4
6 30-0 CULLINAN 48 (B) L Cumani 3-8-11 L Dettori 9
7 2 K C RAPIDE 8 R Hollinshead 3-8-6 S Perks 1
8 4-0 MORPICK 19 J Leigh 3-8-6 T Williams 10
9 0 RED BLISTER 11 W Holden 3-8-6 — 2
10 13-6 ECHO PRINCESS 12 (F) (D) J Berry 3-8-4 J Carroll 3

7-4 Cullinan, 7-2 Breezy Day, 6-1 Nucleon, 15-2 Viceroy, 10-1 Echo Princess, K C Rapide, 12-1 Takeall, 16-1 others.

9.5 WELTON MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,060: 2m 40yd) (8)

1 6 DERBY HOUSE LAD 12 S Norton 9-0 M Wood 7
2 2 EMERITUS 16 P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 6
3 0-00 KHIOS 23 F Durr 9-0 W Newnes 3
4 0003 SOUTER'S HILL 16 R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 2
5 0-44 SPOFFORTH 16 G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 Dean McKeown 7
6 00 GOOD GRACE 36 C Cyzer 8-9 M Wigham 5
7 ROBERT'S REJECT Mrs L Piggott 8-9 B Crossley 8
8 WOODHEAD A Stewart 8-9 M Birch 4

Evens Emeritus, 3-1 Souter's Hill, 13-2 Derby House Lad, 8-1 Spofforth, Woodhead, 14-1 Khios, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 5 winners from 11 runners, 45.5%; Mrs L Piggott, 4 from 10, 40.0%; P Cole, 7 from 32, 21.9%; A Stewart, 4 from 21, 19.0%; M Naughton, 5 from 33, 15.2%; C Thornton, 9 from 63, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; T Quinn, 5 from 29, 17.2%; Paul Eddery, 7 from 48, 14.6%; J Fortune, 5 from 36, 13.9%; M Birch, 37 from 304, 12.2%; N Connorton, 15 from 142, 10.6%.

Felton holds strong hand

IT IS unlikely that racegoers at Epsom today will have the advantage of watching the South Pool Harriers point-to-point on television, so those wanting the best of both worlds should go to Ottery St Mary (Brian Beel writes).

The champion rider Mike Felton has a strong hand in the open of which Beech Grove is preferred. The Fakenham hunter chase winner Skerry Meadow could come out best in the adjacent for Oliver Carter.

TODAY'S MEETING: South Pool Harriers, Ottery St Mary, half mile south west of town (2.30 start).

Blinkered first time

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A remarkable 12 months of tennis ends in stoical defeat for Chang, as youth reasserts itself at the French championships

Agassi finally learns patience to stalk the champion down

From ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

JUST as one incredible journey ended at the French championships yesterday, another effectively began. Almost 12 months after he beat Stefan Edberg to become the youngest men's grand slam champion, Chang lost in four sets in the quarter-finals to Andre Agassi, who is looking the most likely successor to Chang as the champion.

Two hours later, Jennifer Capriati completed the most impressive victory of her brief career, reaching the semi-final of her first grand slam tournament with a 6-2 6-4 win over the Australian Open finalist, Mary-Joe Fernandez. Capriati now meets the No 2. seed, Monica Seles. The combined age of the pair is 30 years and nine months.

Agassi's path to his first grand slam final is blocked by the slender and graceful figure of Jonas Svensson, who reached his second French Open semi-final in the last three years by subduing Henri Leconte, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4. Leconte was never able to lift himself to the heights of the previous day and the crowd seemed to sense it.

The chances of a home victory now rest on the fitness of Thierry Champion. The French qualifier had treatment for his injured hip all day in readiness for his quarter-final with Andres Gomez.

Chang was as philosophical in defeat as he has been in victory during an extraordinary run at Roland Garros, which began 11 matches ago with a four-set win over Eduardo Masso. "Every week is a new week. Hopefully, I have a long career ahead of me and many more chances of winning the French Open. I'll just let things take care of themselves," he said.

Like Arantxa Sánchez Vicario the previous week, defeat came as a relief to the defending champion. He has been feeling enormous pressure over the past 10 days and has not been in good enough form to cope with it. "When you win a grand slam it's like having a back-pack full of bricks. There is more pressure and everyone is gunning for you. I feel as if a weight has been taken off me," he said.

Yet, so serene and determined has Chang looked these past 10 days, despite his miserable form this year, he has even been accused of having magical powers. After 1¼ hours, as Agassi sprinted to a two-set lead, he would have accepted help from anywhere. Typically, it came from within.

In the first two sets the champion had been overwhelmed by Agassi's hyperactive game. In the third set he mixed the pace of his game and come to the net more. The tactics worked for a set until Agassi, hitting with unremitting accuracy to the corners of the court, reasserted his control.

"He is thinking a lot better," said Chang. "He is more patient and is picking his shots better than before."

Manuela Maleeva suffered a bruised eye as well as a bruised ego during her narrow defeat by the No. 2 seed, Monica Seles. The Bulgarian, who has taken Swiss citizenship, hit herself on the head with her racket early in the second set and ended the match looking as though she had lost a world title fight, her left eye black and swollen. "I won't be able to sleep tonight," she moaned, though whether because of the eye or the thought of the point she had for a 5-1 lead in the final set was unclear.

Having come within two points of a place in the semi-final, it was doubly disappointing for Maleeva that she reverted to her usual tentativeness at the vital moment. "From the first point I thought I would win. But I waited to see how her game would develop instead of trying to finish her off," she said.

A combination of Maleeva's toughness and Seles's fatigue produced a topsy-turvy match, which Seles finally won 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.

To complete a bad day for the Maleeva family, Katerina, the middle of the tennis-playing sisters, was beaten by Jana Novotna, who earned a semi-final with Steffi Graf with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 win. Graf, straight sets winner over Conchita Martinez, had predicted a win for Maleeva.

Looking good: Agassi appears the likely successor to Chang's French Open crown

RESULTS FROM PARIS

MEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: A Agassi (US) bt M Chang (US), 6-2, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: S Graf (WG) bt C Martinez (Sp), 6-1, 5-3; M Seles (Yug) bt M Maleeva (Switz), 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: R Reichrtova (Cz) and A Temesvari (Hun) bt M Bollegraf (Neth) and R Reggi (It), 7-6, 6-1; S Cecchini (It) and P Tarabini (Arg) bt E Pampoulova (Bul) and W Probst (WG), 6-2, 6-1; H Tauziat (Fr) and J Wiesner (Austria) bt K Adams and L McNeil (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; H Provis (Aus) and E Reinach (SA) bt J Faull and R McQuillan (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; M Paz (Arg) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt N Medvedeva and L Meskhi (USSR), 6-4, 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES: Third round: L Field and S Youl (Aus) bt L Gildemeister (Peru) and J Frana (Arg), 6-3, 6-2; C Suire and O Delaitre (Fr) bt M Jaggard and B Dyke (Aus), 6-3, 6-2.

Lendl looks sharp after stepping off the treadmill

By BARRY WOOD

IVAN Lendl began his competitive preparation for Wimbledon yesterday by defeating Neil Borwick, of Australia, 6-1, 6-1, in the second round of the Kent Open championship, better known these days as the Direct Line Insurance tournament.

The match began under threatening skies and concluded in a downpour. Lendl, who has a respect for tradition, laughed off the inconvenience and generously recalled having survived worse conditions in practice at some time or other.

No one should have expected perfection in his game, for that will hopefully emerge in about four weeks, as Wimbledon reaches its climax. But Lendl's performance was still good enough to suggest he is well on the way to lifting the Wimbledon trophy, satisfying what has become an obsession.

As he continues his preparation, turning practice at last into healthy competition, he has not set himself any goals along the way.

"We didn't set any dates and say that at this time I would like to do so and so," he said. "I just work with Tony [Roche, his coach] with whatever he wants me to do. He's very good at timing my peak usually and I hope it falls into place at the right time."

Lendl was delayed only briefly on the way to his 55-minute victory, as the fourth game of the second set stretched through 11 deuces. Otherwise, his crisp volleys and backhand passes dictated events satisfactorily.

Having sacrificed several weeks and the French Open to practice, Lendl is happy now to be back in a competitive environment. But at the same time he is convinced that jumping off the endless treadmill has been of great benefit.

"I would have preferred it if there were more tournaments for me to play on grass, but unfortunately that's not the case so I have to make do with what's around.

"I've enjoyed the build-up mentally and physically. I got to stay in one place for a long time and have been sleeping in the same bed, which is very nice. I've had great food, no travel, no pressure, and physically and mentally I feel refreshed and in better shape than before.

"I feel that is important, and unfortunately we don't have enough of that in tennis, where you can have your off-season and relax and work on your game. Just to get out of the mental pressure is very important I feel."

Lendl believes the field for Wimbledon is fairly open. "For me the top two guys to look at are Edberg and Becker, but you cannot leave other players out, like Cash or Leconte," he said.

"Then there will be players who, even though I don't think they are going to win the tournament, can take one or two top players out. Mayotte, Curren, those with a big serve or with a very solid serve and volley game. They can be dangerous and you cannot underestimate anyone."

The delay in covering the court as Lendl concluded his victory in the downpour meant that the anticipated meeting between two former Wimbledon champions, Stefan Edberg and Pat Cash, had to be postponed until today, although ironically other matches could resume on some of the outside courts.

Andrew Castle, Britain's national champion, overcame Nick Brown, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, and Monique Javer defeated Lesley O'Halloran, of Ireland, 6-3, 6-3.

RESULTS FROM BECKENHAM

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: R Dappe (SA) bt S Kruger (SA), 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; S Devries (SA) bt F Roese (Br), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; D McPherson (Aus) bt N Aerts (Br), 6-4, 7-6; G Van Emburg (US) bt B Pearce (US), 6-4, 6-2; Z Ali (India) bt S Zivojinovic (Yug), 7-5, 6-1; R Weiss (US) bt J Goodall (GB), 6-2, 7-6; D Botha (SA) bt K Kinnear (US), 6-4, 6-2; D Wheaton (US) bt L Bale (SA), 6-3, 6-4; T Theine (WG) bt G Stafford (SA), 6-2, 6-2; C Saceanu (WG) bt N Fulwood (GB), 7-5, 6-4; A Castle (GB) bt N Brown (GB), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; R Leach (US) bt R Krishnan (India), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; P Annacone (US) bt B Devlin (NZ), 7-5, 3-6, 6-4. Second round: I Lendl (Cz) bt N Borwick (Aus), 6-1, 6-1.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: A Simpkin (GB) bt M Yanagi (Japan), 2-6, 7-6, 6-3; H Ludloff (US) bt M Corregal (Neth), 7-6, 6-3. Second round: R Fairbank (US) bt L Bernard (SA), 6-3, 6-1; R White (US) bt M Lindstrom (Swe), 6-4, 6-1; M Javer (GB) bt L O'Halloran (Ire), 6-3, 6-3.

NETBALL

England planning surprise

By STEVE ACTESON

BETTY Galsworthy, the England coach, is hoping to unleash some surprises upon the world champions, New Zealand, and Australia, ranked second, in the triangular series beginning in Perth this weekend and ending with a final in Sydney on June 19.

England, fourth in the world, have great expectations of Lucia Sdao, aged 21, their winger from Derby, who has played neither of the opposing nations before. England can also call on greater height in the circle than in recent years through the 5ft 10in Trudy Papafio, from Luton.

Liz Nicholl, chief executive of the All England Netball Association, said: "It would be a fantastic achievement if England could reach the final because we have been ranked fourth since 1979. The girls will all be anxious to do well because they are playing for inclusion in the world championships in Sydney next year."

ENGLAND ITINERARY: June 10: v New Zealand (Perth); June 12: v Australia (Adelaide); June 13: v New Zealand (Adelaide); June 17: v Australia (Melbourne); June 19: Final (Sydney).

● PES, the sports equipment company, will sponsor the England Under-21 match versus Canada in July, and Evian, the mineral-water firm, will underwrite the inter-counties tournament for a fourth year next April.

SWIMMING

Nine youths invited for experience

NINE members of the England Esso youth squad are to join the 10 senior internationals attending the Canet Open meeting in France from June 15 to 17 (Craig Lord writes).

While the juniors are unlikely to reach any finals at the meeting, one of the leading competitions on the international calendar, they will gain experience for the European junior championships in Dunkirk at the end of July. Included in the Esso squad are Steven Mellor, of Macclesfield, and Kevin Crosby, of Warrington Warriors, who were finalists at the European junior championships last year.

Zoe Harrison, of Norwich Penguins, has broken the British junior record at 50 metres butterfly twice this winter.

ENGLAND YOUTH SQUAD: Girls: S Calling (Derwentside), N Elliott (Bristol Central), Z Harrison (Norwich Penguins), D Horner (Gateshead), E Watson (Nova Centurions). Boys: P Glick (Beckenham), K Crosby (Warrington Warriors), S Handley (RTW Monson), F Mellor (Satellite Macclesfield).

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Lancashire home early thanks to DeFreitas

By JOHN WOODCOCK

HORSHAM (final day of three): Lancashire (24pts) beat Sussex (6) by nine wickets

LANCASHIRE were on their way home soon after lunch yesterday, having escaped the worst of the weather and given Sussex a heavy beating. Starting the day at 57 for one, Sussex were bowled out in their second innings for 108, leaving Lancashire with only 20 to win.

Steaming in with eager abandon, DeFreitas took six Sussex wickets for 39 runs. It looked like being more until Patterson picked up the last three wickets at the same score, which was no more than he deserved. On the day they made a thoroughly testing pair, once they had got an early taste of blood. Nine Sussex wickets fell yesterday morning in 20.4 overs for 51 runs.

Although certainly not blameless, the pitch was no monster. The bounce could be disconcertingly steep, sometimes unexpectedly so, and it was this that kept the slips, the wicketkeeper and short-leg, as well as the batsmen, on tenterhooks. No effort had been spared in preparing the pitch, but with the ball being dug in so much these days it gets ever harder to produce something which satisfies everyone.

Lenham, wearing his newly won county sweater, adorned with martlets, did bravely and well to bat for just over two hours, most of it on Monday evening. He was caught at short-leg yesterday in horrible light, just before a brief stoppage for rain. Dodemaide had already gone the same way. Alan Wells, getting one of the few that kept at all low, was leg-before to his first ball. Only Speight coped with any assurance, two hooks off DeFreitas and a cover drive off Patterson being strokes which all batsmen would love to be able to play but few can.

Before play began the chances of Lancashire beating both Sussex and the rain looked and sounded (according to the forecast) pretty remote. To do so was an excellent effort, and Fairbrother finished off the match in the most conclusive possible way, coming in after Mendis had been caught at the wicket and at once hitting successive balls for six and four, the six a hook over long leg, the four a slash through the covers off the back foot.

If the ball is there to be hit, that is how Fairbrother is going to try to play in the Test matches. At the moment he has the confidence to do it. To be chosen when in runs is what everyone hopes for. In his previous incarnations for England he was never so lucky.

SUSSEX: First Innings 235 (A I C Dodemaide 70).

Second Innings

N J Lenham c Hughes b DeFreitas	24
J W Hall c Allott b Patterson	15
A I C Dodemaide c Hughes b DeFreitas	14
A P Wells lbw b DeFreitas	0
M P Speight lbw b DeFreitas	21
†P Moores c Mendis b DeFreitas	2
A C S Pigott c Hegg b Patterson	6
*C M Wells c Atherton b DeFreitas	13
I D K Salisbury not out	0
B T P Donelan b Patterson	0
R A Bunting c Hegg b Patterson	0
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 10)	13
Total	108

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-58, 3-58, 4-62, 5-72, 6-87, 7-106, 8-108, 9-108.

BOWLING: Patterson 18.4-2-52-4; DeFreitas 19-8-39-6; Allott 4-2-10-0; Atherton 3-2-4-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 324 (M A Atherton 76, M Watkinson 51; A I C Dodemaide 6 for 106).

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Moores b Bunting	11
M A Atherton not out	0
N H Fairbrother not out	10
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	22

J D Fitton, M Watkinson, P A J DeFreitas, †W K Hegg, *D P Hughes, G Fowler, P J W Allott and B P Patterson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-12.

BOWLING: Bunting 3-0-20-1; Donelan 2-1-1-0.

Umpires: B Hassan and D R Shepherd.

Britannic Assurance championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Notts (11)	7	3	1	3	20	21	89
Hampshire (5)	6	3	0	3	21	16	85
Derbyshire (7)	6	3	1	2	20	13	81
Lancashire (4)	6	2	0	4	21	19	72
Middlesex (3)	5	2	0	3	18	14	64
Warwicks (6)	5	2	1	2	14	16	62
Kent (15)	5	2	2	1	14	5	51
Northants (9)	5	1	3	1	16	18	50
Somerset (14)	6	1	1	4	21	13	50
Leics (13)	6	1	1	4	18	13	47
Glamorgan (17)	6	1	2	3	15	15	46
Worcs (1)	5	1	1	3	15	13	44
Essex (2)	5	1	0	4	19	7	42
Sussex (10)	6	1	3	2	15	9	40
Yorkshire (16)	5	0	4	1	12	15	27
Gloucs (9)	4	0	3	1	8	14	22
Surrey (12)	4	0	1	3	13	6	19

(1989 positions in brackets)

Trophy ties spoil Conference side

THE League Cricket Conference will field a weakened team in the one-day match against the Indian touring team at Sunderland on June 28, to avoid a possible clash with rain-affected NatWest Trophy first-round games (Michael Austin writes).

Several leading Minor Counties players, eligible for selection for the Conference, are not being considered because they will be appearing in NatWest Trophy matches the previous day.

If the Trophy games were carried over into a second day, the Conference would need to make wholesale changes to its team at short notice.

Neil Edwards, the Conference secretary, said: "We cannot gamble on the weather."

The Conference also decided to restrict its selection to four players who will be paid for appearing, which will not rule out other professionals playing on an amateur basis.

● Waqar Younus, the Pakistan Test bowler, makes his county championship debut for Surrey against Derbyshire at the Oval today.

Notts take lead after stalemate

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE failed to beat Kent at Tunbridge Wells but their eight bonus points took them clear at the top of the Britannic Assurance county championship table yesterday.

They dismissed Kent for 276 after being held up by a maiden first-class century by Matthew Fleming, who scored 102. Franklyn Stephenson took six wickets for 84 in 21 overs.

Notts, needing 75 to win off nine overs, were restricted to 17 for three off five overs. Tony Merrick took all three wickets to fall for 10 runs.

Northamptonshire came close to matching victory after losing more than five hours to rain against Warwickshire at Edgbaston before finally having to settle for a frustrating draw.

Warwickshire resumed their second innings at 88 for five with only 15 minutes plus 20 overs remaining and they finished on 142 for nine, a lead of 26.

Geoff Humpage (42) fell to Curtly Ambrose to end a sixth wicket stand of 73 with Paul Smith, who made 41 before being run out.

Gladstone Small and Allan Donald fell cheaply but Adrian Pierson and Tim Munton held out to deny Northants, who had lost their previous 10 matches in all competitions.

Jimmy Cook, the Somerset batsman, was dismissed by David Lawrence, the Gloucestershire fast bowler, for the second time in the match only 59 runs short of his 1,000 first-class runs of the season. Having batted for three hours to reach 81 on a rain-affected day, he was out leg-before after hitting 11 fours off 156 balls.

The match between Glamorgan and at the Parks was abandoned as a draw because of persistent rain.

Gooch shapes up with a century

By IVO TENNANT

ILFORD (final day of three): Essex (3pts) drew with Middlesex (8)

OFFICIALLY, this match was abandoned as a draw owing to rain, yet well before then Graham Gooch had made certain that no other result would be feasible. Middlesex had begun the day anticipating victory. They ended it, like others before them this season, in wonder at the consistency of the England captain.

There was an inevitability about Gooch's century which, astonishingly, was his fourth in successive championship matches. If his innings in the final match of last season is included, the sequence runs to five. It seems the worst thing Middlesex could have done was to dismiss him without scoring on Monday.

There were 17 fours and two sixes, yet in one sense it is not necessary to detail his innings. Essentially, all his runs came through shifting his weight and plundering anything short or overpitched. The exception was when he moved out of his ground, surprisingly nimbly for a ponderous man, and drove Emburey into the portable scorebox.

At the start of play, Essex were 94 runs in arrears. Foster, went early — a nice slip catch, this, by Gatting — but Middlesex managed to take only one further wicket before tea. That was of Gooch himself and, by then, the match was as good as over. The rain soon ensured it was, anyway.

Gooch was caught at silly point, having given no indication of fallibility other than when there was the most confident of appeals for a catch at the wicket when he had made 65. He stood his ground impassively. In all competitions, this was his seventh century of the season. Hadlee or not, the prospect of Test cricket can never have been so appealing.

There were runs, too, for Prichard and Waugh, although the latter had less of a struggle in making them. When Gooch was out, Essex were 16 runs to the good and these two kept going until tea, by which time both had made half-centuries. There was one shot by Waugh, a swept six off Emburey, which merits mention as worthy of Gooch.

The pitch had lasted, and that has not always been the case in Ilford week. It was turning a little and conceivably had become slower, but there was nothing untoward. After losing 25 points at Southend last year, no county is paying more attention to its pitches than Essex.

● Angus Fraser, the England seam bowler, is set to return to the Middlesex side for the championship match with Warwickshire at Lord's today. Fraser, limited to just one first-class match this season because of a stomach cartilage injury received during England's tour of the West Indies, will play if he suffers no reaction from a second XI game at Portsmouth yesterday.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 442 for 2 dec (D L Haynes 220 not out, M A Roseberry 135).

ESSEX: First Innings 257 (J E Emburey 5 for 81).

Second Innings

*G A Gooch c Brown b Tufnell	120
J P Stephenson c Roseberry b Tufnell	31
N A Foster c Gatting b Williams	13
P J Prichard not out	58
M E Waugh not out	59
Extras (b 5, lb 6, nb 10)	26
Total (3 wkts)	305

B R Hardie, †M A Garnham, D R Pringle, S J W Andrew, J H Childs and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-112, 3-201.

BOWLING: Hughes 12-2-58-0; Williams 18-4-57-1; Thorsfield 9-2-21-0; Emburey 32-8-80-0; Tufnell 33-12-73-2.

Umpires: B J Meyer and B Leadbeater.

Charterhouse race to early success

WINCHESTER were put in to bat on their own ground by Charterhouse, a decision which seemed more than justified as the school slipped to a score of 75 for six (George Chesterton writes). Beloe, who hit 67 not out, was largely responsible for their recovery to 203 for nine.

Charterhouse, for whom Bristowe, Blyth and Chignell batted well, raced to 90 in the first hour, however, to pave the way for a victory by four wickets with six overs to spare.

Sherborne were put in at home by Clifton and recovered from a lunch-time score of 102 for six to finish on 182. Clifton were then bowled out for 77 with Stevens, who bowls on the quick side of medium pace, taking six for 47, the fourth time this season he has collected more than five wickets.

Stowe were put in by Radley, their visitors, and made a good start before collapsing to Arbib, a left-arm spinner, although they recovered to reach 206 for eight. Jefferson, another left-armer, in his fifth year in the Stowe XI, helped to undermine Radley's resistance and they were dismissed for 106.

In a rain-affected match at Repton, Murray, the son of Derek, of West Indies fame, played a determined innings of 40 against Worksop to help the home side to 113. The bowlers remained on top and at the beginning of the last over Worksop were 20 short with only two minutes left. A fine catch disposed of one of the batsmen but the No. 11 hung on for his side to earn a draw.

Aldous and Jarrett gave Harrow a good start when they entertained Wellington, paving the way for a declaration at 237 for five. Wyke and Newman started well for the visitors but they had in the end to settle for a draw at 192 for eight.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Kent v Notts

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (final day of three): Kent (4pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (8)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 477 for 6 dec (B C Broad 227 not out, D W Randall 178).

Second Innings

B C Broad c Marsh b Merrick	1
D W Randall c Marsh b Merrick	6
P Johnson c Davis b Merrick	3
F D Stephenson not out	1
*R T Robinson not out	1
Extras (lb 3, w 2)	5
Total (3 wkts)	17

D R J Martindale, †B N French, E E Hemmings, K E Cooper, R A Pick and J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-11, 3-16.

BOWLING: Merrick 3-0-10-3; Iggleden 2-0-4-0.

KENT: First Innings 275 (S A Marsh 114 not out).

Second Innings

S G Hinks c Afford b Pick	14
*M R Benson lbw b Stephenson	1
N R Taylor c Martindale b Hemmings	21
R P Davis c French b Pick	13
G R Cowdrey c French b Stephenson	51
V J Wells c Hemmings b Stephenson	20
M V Fleming b Stephenson	102
†S A Marsh c French b Stephenson	4
C Penn b Pick	17
T A Merrick c Martindale b Stephenson	15
A P Igglesden not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 1, nb 8)	17
Total	276

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-28, 3-50, 4-50, 5-104, 6-142, 7-185, 8-210, 9-258.

BOWLING: Pick 26-6-91-3; Stephenson 21-3-84-6; Hemmings 18-12-15-1; Afford 10-3-21-0; Copper 18-1-57-0.

Umpires: D O Oslear and R Palmer.

Gloucs v Somerset

BRISTOL (final day of three): Gloucestershire (7pts) drew with Somerset (4)

SOMERSET: First Innings 225 (R J Harden 81; D A Graveney 4 for 53).

Second Innings

S J Cook lbw b Lawrence	81
†N D Burns c Athey b Walsh	36
A N Hayhurst not out	17
*C J Tavaré not out	1
Extras (lb 10, nb 11)	21
Total (2 wkts)	158

P M Roebuck, R J Harden, G D Rose, I G Swallow, N A Mallender, J C Hallett and A N Jones to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-111, 2-148.

BOWLING: Walsh 17-3-53-1; Lawrence 12-1-41-1; Graveney 19-7-39-0; Curran 4-2-14-0; Athey 0.5-0-2-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 381 for 7 dec (R C Russell 120, K M Curran 103 not out; G D Rose 4 for 78).

Umpires: J C Balderstone and N T Plews.

Oxford U v Glamorgan

THE PARKS (final day of three): Match drawn

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 368 for 7 dec (P A Cottey 156, M P Maynard 56).

Second Innings

M J Cann c Trevelyan b Henderson	7
G C Holmes not out	12
R N Pook not out	0
Extras (lb 3, nb 2)	5
Total (1 wkt)	24

FALL OF WICKET: 1-21.

BOWLING: Gartans 5-2-4-0; Henderson 4.2-0-17-1.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 219 (M A Crawley 67; S R Bastien 4 for 51).

Umpires: P J Eele and A A Jones.

Warwicks v Nhants

EDGBASTON (final day of three): Warwickshire (2pts) drew with Northamptonshire (6)

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 222 (T A Lloyd 65; C E L Ambrose 5 for 53; D J Capel 5 for 74).

Second Innings

A J Moles lbw b Ambrose	13
*T A Lloyd b Thomas	10
Asif Din c Fordham b Thomas	9
A I Kallicharran lbw b Thomas	0
†G W Humpage b Ambrose	42
D A Reeve lbw b Ambrose	0
P A Smith run out	41
G C Small c and b Thomas	0
A R K Pierson not out	9
A A Donald run out	1
T A Munton not out	10
Extras (lb 7)	7
Total (9 wkts)	142

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-30, 3-32, 4-42, 5-42, 6-115, 7-118, 8-122, 9-132.

BOWLING: Ambrose 25-8-55-3; Thomas 23-5-53-4; Capel 7-3-21-0; N G B Cook 4-4-0-0; Penberthy 2-0-6-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 318 for 8 dec (D J Capel 89).

Umpires: D J Constant and B Dudleston.

No play yesterday

WORCESTER: Yorkshire 222 (D L Bairstow 61; S R Lampitt 5 for 54, I T Botham 4 for 65) and 106 for 2 (A A Metcalfe 56 not out. BOWLING: McEwan 15-4-35-1; Lampitt 17-6-34-0; Stemp 19-6-32-1); Worcestershire 288 (I T Botham 86, S M McEwan 54). Match drawn. Worcestershire 7pts, Yorkshire 6.

LEICESTER: Hampshire 349 for 7 dec (M D Marshall 112, C L Smith 80 not out, R J Maru 59); Leicestershire 178 (P J Bakker 4 for 51) and 169 for 5 (J J Whitaker 62. BOWLING: Bakker 10-2-46-1; Marshall 15-4-44-3; Connor 17-4-54-1; Maru 7-1-26-0; Tremlett 9-4-16-0). Match drawn. Leicestershire 4pts, Hampshire 8.

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting and fielding

Qualification: 4 completed innings (avge 72.42)

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
N H Fairbrother	6	8	3	708	366	141.20	1	4
G A Gooch	4	7	1	674	216	112.33	4	—
D M Ward	5	7	2	477	161	94.20	2	—
S J Cook	5	13	3	941	313*	94.10	3	2
S R Hardie	6	9	4	462	125	92.40	1	4
M D Marshall	5	7	2	449	117	89.80	2	2
G R Cowdrey	3	6	2	343	87	85.75	—	4
C C Lewis	5	7	3	338	165*	84.75	1	—
M E Waugh	5	8	2	505	166*	84.16	2	1
D L Haynes	6	11	1	837	220*	83.70	4	—
P W G Parker	4	6	1	418	107	83.60	2	2
A R Butcher	6	10	2	662	151*	82.75	2	6
R A Smith	5	7	2	407	181	81.40	2	1
P J Prichard	6	9	2	555	245	79.28	2	1
M A Crawley	6	8	2	474	105*	79.00	2	3
A N Hayhurst	6	10	4	463	170	77.16	2	1
R J Harden	8	9	1	600	104	75.00	1	5
C J Tavaré	8	10	2	597	156	74.62	2	3
C L Smith	7	11	1	731	148	73.10	2	5
D A Reeve	7	10	3	507	202*	72.42	2	—

Bowling

Qualification: 10 wickets (avge 27.28)

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
P J Bakker	61	19	199	10	19.90	4-51	—	—
J R Bishop	119.2	25	331	17	19.47	4-25	—	—
C E L Ambrose	110	21	357	15	20.46	5-40	2	—
T A Munton	210.5	55	523	25	20.92	5-33	1	—
O H Mortensen	108.5	32	253	12	21.08	4-67	—	—
S R Lampitt	106.3	28	326	15	21.73	5-54	1	—
K J Barnett	139.5	25	377	17	22.17	4-26	—	—
D R Pringle	120.1	34	317	14	22.64	5-68	1	—
N F Williams	165.5	39	477	21	22.71	7-61	1	—
C A Walsh	125	21	433	19	22.78	6-112	2	—
A L Penberthy	86.3	14	232	10	23.20	4-91	—	—
J E Benjamin	124	32	281	12	23.41	5-29	1	—
I T Botham	84.5	16	281	11	23.72	4-65	—	—
G C Small	112	24	292	12	24.33	4-40	—	—
M D Marshall	174	44	421	17	24.76	3-44	—	—
C C Lewis	146	27	457	18	25.38	6-55	1	1
D E Malcolm	119.4	21	381	15	25.40	4-66	—	—
M A Robinson	127.1	40	307	12	25.58	3-47	—	—
D J Capel	121	28	395	15	26.33	5-74	1	—
R A Pick	286.4	42	873	32	27.28	7-128	1	1

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STUDENT SPORT

Cardiff are crushed by holders

By MARK HERBERT

BOTH the finalists in last year's Commercial Union Universities Athletic Union cricket championship moved into the quarter-finals with 10-wicket wins in the fifth round. At the weekend, Loughborough University, the champions, crushed Cardiff at home to earn a tie at Nottingham in the last eight.

The Welsh side, who had scored 327 for eight in the previous round against York, batted first and were dismissed for 63. McCartney, the Loughborough seamer, did most of the damage, taking four for 23, but apart from Lee, who made 30, none of the Cardiff batsmen reached double figures.

Southampton, one of the fancied outsiders, were restricted to 124 at home against Durham, the beaten finalists last year. Boiling's canny off spin accounted for five wickets and when Durham batted, Morris, who made 66 not out, and Evans, with 46 not out, easily reached the target.

Manchester, who reached last year's semi-finals largely through their batting, scraped through in a remarkable low-scoring match against Imperial College. They were skittled out for 61 but then removed the opposition for 10 runs fewer to earn a home quarter-final against Leeds.

The quarter-finals will be played by June 10, and the semi-finals will be held on June 19, at Sefton and Northern cricket clubs. The final will be held the following day at Liverpool CC.

RESULTS: Fourth round: UWC Cardiff 327-8 (G Hirt 74, A Jones 59), York 204 (P Cooke 59). Fifth round: Liverpool 117-9 (E Noble 5-49), Nottingham 118-4 (R Thomas 61); Royal Holloway and Bedford 165 (P Barker 4-46), Exeter 167-7; Kent 129 (A Herbert 5-42), Birmingham 132-8 (F MacDonald 49); Southampton 124 (J Boiling 5-44), Durham 125-0 (S Morris 66* B Evans 46*); Manchester 61, Imperial College 51; Bangor 109 (J Francis 7-46), Swansea 110-1 (D Amato 43*); Cardiff 63 (A McCartney 4-23), Loughborough 65-0; Leeds 182-8 (R Morten 80*), Bath 133 (J Hamlin 5-32).

VOLLEYBALL

Top players for seaside competition

THE leading England players take to the beaches this weekend as the English Volleyball Association's (EVA) beach grand prix is launched in Southport (Roddy Mackenzie writes).

The circuit will take in four venues and, after this weekend's opening tournament in Lancashire, the settings are Camber Sands in Kent (June 23 and 24), Bridlington Beach (July 8 and 9) and Weymouth Beach (August 4 and 5).

"Following the recent hugely popular beach volleyball series on Channel 4 television, there has been enormous interest from the public in the sport," George Bulman, the national director of the EVA, said.

The senior Scotland men's team, meanwhile, rounded off its season with a victory and claimed a creditable fifth place in the Ekeberg Cup in Oslo on Sunday.

Scotland defeated Ulrichen, in their final match, 15-13, 15-8, 15-12.

The Scottish season reaches its climax this weekend with the MM Telecables Scottish Open in Perth.

James will play on

BILLY James, the former Welsh rugby union captain, has decided to continue playing for Swansea next season.

CYCLING

Adventure is lost among the pack on moors pursuit

By PETER BRYAN

AN IDEAL course, hard enough to produce a significant reshuffle among the top positions, failed to prompt the adventurous over the North York Moors on yesterday's eighth stage of the Milk Race from Bridlington to Middlesbrough.

There were only two important breakaway attempts during the 102-mile leg, the first of which, with eight riders, including Cayn Theakston, the Prologue winner, and Matthew Stephens, Britain's amateur climbing specialist, looked at the time the more workmanlike.

But their freedom was short-lived and they fell back into the main field, already depleted by one when Britain's Wayne Randle, injured in a heavy fall last week and now suffering from a cold, retired.

The race came alive again at 31 miles, soon after the climb of Nettledale, when Nigel Bishop, of Britain, Joe Parkin, the American professional with the Tulip team, and Danny Neskens, of La William, went clear and quickly into a two-minute lead.

Bishop, who wore the race leader's yellow jersey last year, was the first over the Lockton Low Moor climb, 23 miles later, and third on the Widow Howe Moor (61 miles), with the bunch two minutes eight seconds behind and looking as though they were keeping a tighter rein on the fugitives.

Another climb nine miles later, at Lythe Bank, saw Bishop flagging, his reserves spent. A similar fate awaited the two survivors 14 miles from the finish when they were engulfed by the bunch during a torrential downpour.

A mass of 84 riders gathered for the final sprint on the one-mile finishing circuit before the verdict went to Uwe Preissler, giving East Germany its second successive stage victory.

Shane Sutton, of Banana-Falcon, kept his overall race lead for the seventh day and paid tribute to the protection his team had given him, especially Keith Reynolds, last year's runner-up, who undertook much of the pace-setting which helped to contain the breakaways. Reynolds, once his job was done, fell back and finished more than 11 minutes behind.

The Banana-Falcons' ability to control the race thwarted those who had seen the stage as a turning point in the 1,200-mile event.

Today's run from Sunderland to Carlisle will give the climbers another chance to shine on the Pennine crossing but time is running out for everyone, other than the Banana riders, it seems, if there are to be substantial changes before the race ends in Liverpool on Saturday.

RESULTS: Eighth stage (Bridlington to Middlesbrough, 102 miles): 1, U Preissler (EG), 4hr 05min 42sec; 2, R van de Vin (Neth); 3, D Rush (NZ); 4, V Sapronov (USSR); 5, J Bogaert (La William); 6, J van de Laer (Tulip); 7, J McLoughlin (Ever Ready); 8, S Hempsall (Britannia); 9, P Padmos (Cz); 10, A Goense (Neth), all same time. Overall: 1, S Sutton (Banana-Falcon), 32hr 44min 26sec; 2, R Holden (Banana-Falcon), at 2min 40sec; 3, M Vasicek (Cz), 2:41; 4, D Thuaux (Fr), 2:53; 5, C Walker (Banana-Falcon), 3:26; 6, R Poels (Neth), 4:02; 7, J McLoughlin (Ever Ready), 4:22; 8, M Liptak (Cz), 4:29; 9, J van de Laer (Tulip), 4:30; 10, H Lodge (La William), 4:33. King of the Mountains: G Baker (Ever Ready), 90pts.

TODAY: Ninth stage (Sunderland to Carlisle, 107 miles): Start, 09.30am; finish, 14.29. Intermediate times: Lanchester, 10.36; Wolsingham, 11.05; Eggleston, 11.51; Alston, 13.00.

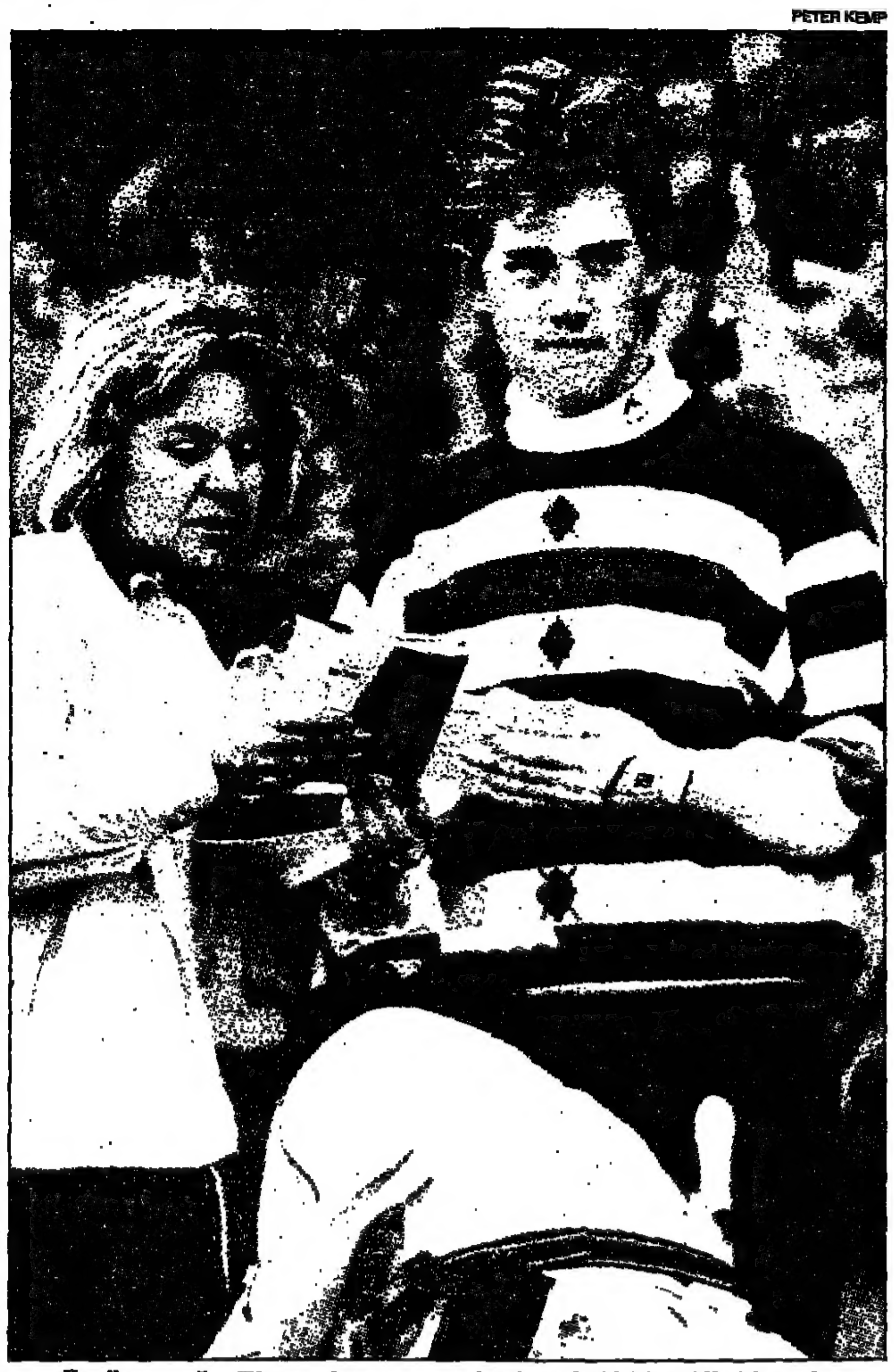
Bugno shines in rain

VARESE, Italy (Reuter) — Gianni Bugno won the penultimate stage of the Giro d'Italia race more than one minute ahead of his nearest rival yesterday despite changing cycles halfway through a rain-swept uphill time trial.

Bugno's victory in the nineteenth stage extended his overall lead over the Frenchman, Charly Mottet, to six minutes and 33 seconds and left him virtually certain of taking the Giro title.

The final stage today is a gentle 90km circuit through the centre of Milan, where only a disaster could rob Bugno of wearing the Giro leader's pink jersey from start to finish.

RESULTS: Nineteenth stage (Italian unless stated): 1, G Bugno, 58min 4sec; 2, M Lejarreta (Sp) at 1min 20sec; 3, Luca Gelfi at 1:22; 4, C Chiappucci at 1:33; 5, V Poulnikov (USSR) at 1:55; 6, M Lelli at 2:06. Overall: 1, G Bugno 88hr 58min 42sec; 2, C Mottet (Fr) at 6min 33sec; 3, M Giovannetti at 6:40; 4, Poulnikov at 12:25; 5, F Echave (Sp) at 12:29; 6, F Chioccioli at 12:36.



PETER KEMP

Family game: Lee Westwood, aged 17, checks his card with his caddie, his mother, Tricia, during the Amateur Championship qualifying round at Muirfield yesterday

GOLF

Hart emerges into limelight with a timely round of 66

By JOHN HENNESSY

A PLAYER of such humble pretentions as to call himself "pretty unknown" vaulted into the lead of the Amateur Championship stroke-play qualifying competition yesterday. He was Adam Hart, aged 19, a member of the West Hill club.

Hart is a Surrey player, but that county has fallen on such hard times, in golf as in cricket, that any of their players is likely to be little known outside his immediate family.

He recorded a 66, three under par, at Luffness, which, together with his laudable 72 over the more challenging Muirfield course on Monday, gave him a two-stroke lead over Bryan Shields, a former Scotland international, and Michael Brannan, of the United States. Shields also scored 66 and Brannan 72, both at Luffness.

Shields, a hospital porter, was off duty for a couple of days and was due to take the night shift yesterday, but he has now been given time off for so long as he remains in the tournament. If all went well for him, he would play one round of match-play today, two more tomorrow and on Friday, and a 36-hole final on Saturday, supposing he were to reach those dizzy heights.

Hart, similarly, has been involved in some plebeian activity, for all his stockbroker-belt habitat. He spent six winter months bottling wine, during which, he confesses, he developed a taste for the stuff. "Now," he said, "I'm into Scotch."

An unaccustomed calm fell over East Lothian and a welter of unaccustomed scores decended on Luffness, though Muirfield, true to its awesome reputation, suffered much less.

Hart, indeed, was more inclined to attribute his postion of eminence to his 72 in a stiff wind at Muirfield on Monday. In yesterday's calm, accompanied later by steady rain, he did not hit the ball as well as he can but he putted like a good 'un.

His card was marred by an ugly six at the long fourth, where he hooked his drive and, in due time, took three putts. Otherwise, he kept to the path of virtue until the last, where another wayward tee shot cost him a five. There were five birdies, the most satisfying, no doubt, a two at the 174-yard 10th.

Shields turned in 33, two under par, and came flawlessly home with a two at the 161-yard 16th, by way of five-iron to 15 feet, to set a standard which held good until Hart's advance. There were still a few more competitors out on the course then.

Among the highly-regarded players who failed the qualifying test were Jim Milligan, of Scotland (154), Ricky Willison, of England (157), and Stuart Bouvier, of Australia (150).

LEADING QUALIFIERS: 138: A Hart (West Hill), 72, 66. 140: B Shields (Bathgate), 74, 66; M Brannan (US) 68, 72. 141: G Winter (Silloth-on-Solway), 72, 69; J Payne (Sandilands), 69, 72. 142: L White (Wollaton Park), 76, 66; C Pottier (Fr), 72, 70; M Stanford (Salford), 71, 71; T Spence (Sundridge Park), 71, 71; D C Clarke (Dungannon), 74, 68. 143: G Evans (Worthing), 74, 69; A Rogers (Ealing), 71, 72; N G Graves (Brokenhurst Manor), 73, 70. 144: L Pearson (Aus), 74, 70; J Metcalfe (Arcot Hall), 71, 74; V L Phillips (Stoke Poges), 72, 72; D Gammon (SA), 70, 74; G Patterson (Dirleton Castle), 69, 75; W L Hewlett (Royal Blackheath), 72, 72; C Cassells (Murcar) 74, 70; K F Hird (Murcar) 72, 72. 145: I D Garbutt (Wheatley), 76, 69; L Parsons (Aus), 75, 70; G Miller (Swanston), 76, 69; R Muntz (Neth), 75, 70; R Eggo (L'Ancresse), 74, 71; J Carvill (Warrenpoint), 73, 72; G Lawrie (Prestwick St Nicholas), 73, 72; K J Weeks (Brokenhurst Manor), 77, 68; N Walton (Billingham), 71, 74; A P Nicholson (Middlesbrough), 72, 73; E Nistri (It), 67, 78; A Sandywell (Astbury), 70, 75; D K Brookreson (US), 74, 71.

Miller's change of course rewarded

By PATRICIA DAVIES

NINE or 10 years ago, Johnny Miller, the US Open champion in 1973 and the Open champion in 1976, was not enjoying his golf.

"I was playing for all the wrong reasons," he said, "because I had contracts to fulfil and because my friends said I should. I felt like I was selling my talents. I did a good job but my heart was not in it, there was no emotion."

So, being a creative person, his thoughts started turning more and more to the design of golf courses and yesterday he was at Collingtree Park, Northampton, just off junction 15 of the M1, for the official opening of his first course in Europe.

"I've tried to incorporate American and British ideas," Miller said. "I didn't want it to look like Firestone Country Club, totally Americanised, and it's worked out beyond my expectations. It's a course I hope people of all levels of ability will enjoy playing."

Serried ranks of the dreaded golf buggy were one of the first sights to greet the visitor to Collingtree but Miller, at least, was grateful for this particular bit of Americana.

He has recently had an operation on a pinched nerve in his left leg and will be having the right leg done on the Tuesday of the Open, British version.

"My son was going to caddie for me at St Andrews," Miller, who is under the knife of the San Francisco 49ers's surgeon, said. "But I must get fit, that's the priority."

Judging by some of the shots he hit during an informal clinic yesterday, his playing days are far from over.

Uzielli facing stiff test on home course

THERE is one thing that mitigates against nominating Angela Uzielli, the English champion, as the favourite for the Astor Salver over her home courses at the Berkshire today (Patricia Davies writes). She has writer's cramp.

Uzielli, aged 50, became the oldest winner of the national title at Rye just under two weeks ago and since then she has received, she calculated, 130 letters and 80 telephone calls. "I even had a fax from Australia," she said, amazed that her triumph has generated such interest. Now, of course, she is in the middle of answering the letters and is finding it a long job.

Her opponents at the Berkshire, untroubled by fan mail on such a scale, are free to concentrate solely on coping with the Red and Blue courses, and since they include the likes of Claire Hourihane, runaway winner of the Critchley Salver at Sunningdale on Monday, Julie Hall, a former English champion, and Jill Thornhill, the Curtis Cup captain, Uzielli's local knowledge will be tested.

At least she believes she has worked the champagne out of her system.

Defiant five to appeal over £1,000 fines

GENEVA — This week's winner's cheque of £10,500 in the Bonmont Classic, starting in Geneva today, will be on the minds of five members of the European women's Tour, Dale Reid and Suzanne Strudwick from Britain, and three Australians — Corinne Dibnah, Karen Lunn and Dennise Hutton (a Special Correspondent writes).

Each of this fivesome has been fined £1,000 for playing in an Australian tournament after being refused a release by Joe Flanagan, the executive director of the European Tour.

"We were only informed of the fine yesterday and we are going to appeal," Reid said.

With 18 tour victories to her credit and earnings of £232,233, Reid leads the tour career money list, but her position is threatened by Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, of France.

Six weeks ago de Lorenzi completed her thirteenth victory by winning the Ford Classic at Woburn. Although she only joined the Tour in 1987, the French professional, winner of the Woolmark Order of Merit for the last two years, is now only £3,247 behind Reid.

BOWLS

Selectors change policy

By DAVID RHYS JONES

ENGLAND, departing from the cautious selection strategy that brought them seven successive victories in the home international series between 1983 and 1989, surprisingly include six new caps and recall two former team members in the side to defend the *News of the World* trophy at Methil in Scotland from July 4 to 6.

Gary Smith has been named as a reserve, and and is replaced by Mervyn King, who gained his first indoor cap in March. Jimmy Lambert will play three to David Ward, while Grant Burgess and Ted Hanger have the responsibility of looking after the back-end of the new sixth rink.

Alan Darling, the English junior champion, and Iain Boyle, who holds the British junior title, are in for the first time, but have been placed at lead with Tony Allcock and David Bryant, respectively.

Wales introduce four new caps — Andrew Atwood, Gwynant Ellis, Mike Prosser and Ieuan Terry — and recall Phil Rowlands, of Penhill.

ENGLAND: Rink 1: J E Rednall (Suffolk), R W Gass (Cumbria), J W Lambert (Durham), D S Ward (Norfolk). Rink 2: J M Ottaway (Norfolk), R C Catto (Suffolk), G P Harrington (Oxfordshire), J N Bell (Cumbria). Rink 3: G A Smyth (Middlesex), D A Holt (Lancashire), G N Burgess (Worcestershire), E P Hanger (Buckinghamshire). Rink 4: A E Darling (Sussex), C Simpson (Durham), T W Armstrong (Lancashire), A Allcock (Gloucestershire). Rink 5: K B Morley (Notts), D T Taylor (Cumbria), M J King (Norfolk), A E Thomson (Kent). Rink 6: I M Boyle (Yorkshire), M D Biggs (Wiltshire), W Richards (Surrey), D J Bryant (Somerset). Reserves: M Selder (Kent), G A Smith (Kent). Team manager: M Hughes (Durham).

WALES: Rink 1: N Williams, (Gorseinon), M Prosser (Ely Valley), M Bishop (Brynhyfryd, Llanelli), R Weale (Presteigne). Rink 2: A McCarley (Brynhyfryd, Llanelli), R Cope (Newport Athletic), R Price (Brynmawr), D Wilkins (Pontrhydyfen). Rink 3: G Ellis (Aberystwyth), S Rees (Old Landorians), M Anstey (Abergavenny), J Price (Aberavon). Rink 4: A Atwood (Caerphilly), A Beer (Aberavon), J Edwards (Lampeter), T Mounty (Abertridwr). Rink 5: P Robins (Penygraig), P Rowlands (Penhill), B Kingdon (Brynhyfryd, Llanelli), S Wiltshire (Tonypandy). Rink 6: D Vowels (Dinas Powis), I Terry (Tick Tock), T Sullivan (Old Landorians), W Thomas (Pontrhydyfen). Reserves: J Ellis (St Fagans), W Matthews (Graig Merthyr).

RUGBY UNION

Wales dominate mismatch

From OWEN JENKINS
TSUMEB, NAMIBIA

Northern Region XV	9
Wales	67

WALES registered their fifth consecutive win with another comfortable victory against a bedraggled Northern Region Invitation side here.

Wales played with contemptuous ease throughout the game and scored almost at will. More points would have come had they not lost the ball going forwards on occasions with bad final passes.

Wales dominated everything even though the home side won a modest amount of ball which they could do nothing with. The youthful Welsh players were far fitter and more mobile than their cumbersome opponents who threatened only once when Wales were caught napping in defence for Jeffrey, their right wing, who scored after a chip ahead from Vermaak the scrum half.

Rayer, the Welsh full back, scored another 28 points to bring his total in three matches on the tour to 64. He demonstrated his running skills to cross for two tries to add to seven conversions and two penalties.

There were also two tries for Williams, the stand-off half, who also dropped a goal. Other tries came from Gregory, the hooker, Pugh, the prop, Williams, the second row, Parfitt, the centre, Morris, the open-side flanker, Williams, the No. 8, and Reynolds the substitute blindside flanker.

Wales led 33 points to three at half time after running in four tries and were playing in a relaxed and measured manner. Olivier, the stand-off, kicked a penalty from the half way for the home side.

Wales relaxed in the quarter after the restart and were frustrated in their attempts to score, much because of their own over-eagerness as to the home side's defence. Wales improved in the final quarter and 20 points came in the last 10 minutes.

SCORERS: Northern Region: Try: D Jeffrey. Conversion: M Olivier. Penalty: M Olivier. Wales: Tries: M Rayer (2), A Williams (2), M Morris, K Gregory, S Williams, J Pugh, S Parfitt, O Williams, M Reynolds. Conversions: M Rayer (7). Penalties: M Rayer (2). Drop goal: A Williams.

NORTHERN REGION: T Steenkamp; D Jeffrey (captain), D Van der Merwe, M Van der Westhuizen, J Loots; M Olivier, J Vermaak; D Rousseau, P Swanepoel, G Smit, H Otto, P Grobler, W Schlechter, J Coetzee, G Rich.

WALES: M Rayer; S Bowling, M Ring (captain), S Parfitt, A Clement; A Williams, S Fealey; I Buckett, K Gregory, J Pugh, R Phillips (rep: A Reynolds), G Llewellyn, S Williams, M Morris, O Williams.

Referee: F Oosthuizen (Namibia).

Childs wins promotion to England tour party

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

GRAHAM Childs, who played for the North throughout the divisional championship last December, has been brought into the England party to tour Argentina next month. Childs, who is in New Zealand and played for Poverty Bay-East Coast against the Scots last week, replaces Fran Clough, of Wasps, who was forced to withdraw from the tour by a broken leg.

Childs received his divisional opportunity last season after Carling and Buckton opted to play for London, the eventual winners. Now he finds himself in the same party as those two with Gavin Thompson, of Harlequins, making up the quartet at centre. It will be a fillip, too, for Northern, his club, though there have been suggestions that Childs is hoping to move to London next season.

The north-east as a whole will get an unexpected opportunity to see an England XV in action on September 9, when Newcastle Gosforth unveil their new ground and clubhouse. It is proposed to hold a scheduled national squad weekend in the area, culminating with a celebratory game against the second-division club.

As well as bringing some famous names to a somewhat depressed — in rugby terms — part of the country, it will also give valuable match practice to England, who play the Barbarians on September 29.

Neil Back, the England Under-21 flanker who distinguished himself for the senior XV which played Italy on May 1, has told Nottingham that he proposes to play for Leicester next season. Back, an England Colt when he was with Barkers Butts, has played for Nottingham for two seasons, alternating with Gary Rees. "It is disappointing but we respect his decision and wish him well," a Nottingham spokesman said yesterday.

● John Etheridge, the Gloucester and England B lock, is understood to have accepted an offer to join Northampton, the first-division newcomers, next season.

Fouroux faces problems with his pack

JACQUES Fouroux admitted he would have difficulty assembling his pack for the first international with Australia after France beat Australian Capital Territory 22-21 (Peter Bills writes).

The French coach, while pleased at the improved enthusiasm and drive in his side, must have been concerned at the way the French team tired.

Finding the best combination in all three rows of the pack is the chief problem, with particularly marginal decisions likely at lock and open-side flanker.

Lafond, contributing 11 points, demonstrated his sound technique as he steered France to a 22-12 lead with 20 minutes remaining. A sloppy finish by the French kept ACT alive, even though the local side had kept pace only through Pini's kicking.

SCORERS: Australian Capital Territory: Try: Girven. Conversion: Pini. Penalty goals: Pini (5). France: Tries: Lescarboura, Saint-André. Conversion: Lafond. Dropped goal: Lafond. Penalty goals: Lescarboura, Lafond (2).

ATHLETICS

Whitbread out for another season

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

FATIMA Whitbread, Britain's most successful woman athlete of the 1980s, resigned herself yesterday to another year out of competition. Her private surgeon diagnosed that she would need two more operations on her right shoulder, confirming the suspicion on Sunday, when she suffered her latest setback in the United Kingdom championships, that she would be unable to defend her European javelin title in August.

The 1986 European championships in Stuttgart were Whitbread's zenith. While most journalists were still at breakfast, Whitbread set a world record in the qualifying round. "Naturally I am disappointed that I won't be able to defend my title," she said yesterday. "The UKs were my first step back into competition and I was looking forward to the European championships."

The consolation was that the injury is not the same as the one which needed an operation last summer and which prevented her from competing in the Commonwealth Games.

The first operation, which she undergoes today, will be on the humerus, which is fractured, and, she said, the second, in three months' time, will be to remove a piece of her hip to extend the socket out of which the humerus in her right arm slipped on Sunday. Last year she ripped the muscle away from the bone.

Whitbread may have been denied her sport, but not a sense of humour. "I plan to be back in training by November — I think I would have withdrawal symptoms now if I had to stop rehabilitation." She said she could be fit again within two months of resumption and, with a full winter's work behind her, hopes to defend her world title in Tokyo next summer.

Whitbread, aged 29, insisted that her career is not over, although she has not competed internationally since the Olympic Games 21 months ago. "I would like to think I can get back into the top echelons again," she said.

In between hospitals — Cardiff on Sunday, Brentwood today — she was holding court in Chafford Hundred, Essex, where she lives. "I know people are saying that I should call it a day but, if there is any way that it is humanly possible to get back, I will be back."

SQUASH RACKETS

Nuttall advancing again

HOWARD Nuttall, from Southport, the champion of the West Lancashire club, laid the foundations of an attempt to win his second national grass-roots title of the season by beating Tony McGuire, of the Lancastrian club, for a place in the north-west regional semi-finals of the Dunlop Champion of Champions (Colin McQuillan writes).

Last month Nuttall won a £5,000 all-expenses-paid trip for two to Hong Kong as part of his prize for winning the UK Challenge. If he goes all the way through Friday's regional final in Manchester, national semi-finals at Coventry and national finals in London to win the Champion of Champions event this month, he will pick up another combined prize of similar value from Dunlop.

First, though, Nuttall must deal with two more challenges from his own north west patch, the sternest probably from Chris Baker, of Swinton.

Darren Bradbury, the England No. 44, won his regional quarter-final for Wootton Court in Coventry with some ease. In Edinburgh Ray Stevenson of the Civil Service Club progressed similarly.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Out of the stable door

BARRY Hearn's Matchroom managerial stable was reduced to six snooker players yesterday following the departure of Willie Thorne and Neal Foulds in the wake of the former world champion, Dennis Taylor.

Hearn said the departures were by "mutual consent" even though Foulds, who will be managed by his father, Geoff, still had a year of his contract to run. Hearn plans to control more tournaments rather than players.

Extra courses

A record entry of more than 1,700 for next month's Open championship at St Andrews has forced the Royal and Ancient to arrange an extra course for the regional (South Herts) and for the final qualifying (Panmure) tournaments.

Grounded

Because of unsuitable weather, there continued to be no flying at the European gliding championships at Leszno, Poland, yesterday.

Fitness plan

Wigan, who won three important trophies last season, have recruited Bob Lanigan, a fitness expert from Australia, to help their preparation for next season.

Squad's hope

Olympic hopefuls omitted from the Great Britain hockey squad for the BMW Trophy in Amsterdam later this month will have a chance to impress at an experimental international training get-together at Lilleshall this weekend.

TRAINING SQUAD: England squad for international training weekend at Lilleshall: A Forshaw (Formby), M Langston (E Grinstead), M Kirkland (Slough), P Wallis (E Grinstead), K Stamp (Welton), K Takher (Cannock), C Sage (Firebrands), M Cross (Bromley), P McGuire (Teddington), P Nail (Havant), C Cooper (Havant), N Pendle (Guildford), A Dagnin (Bournville), J Lee (E Grinstead), J Pidcock (Neston), R Cratchley (Welton).

McKean runs

Tom McKean, World Cup winner and European indoor champion, will have his first big 800 metres of the season for Britain in the Dairy Crest international against East Germany and Canada at Gateshead on June 29.

Star roles

Both yesterday's Star Class yacht races in the Talkland Eurolymp Regatta at Hayling Island were won by former Finn Class sailors, John Greenwood (morning) and Stuart Childerley (afternoon). Results, page 55

Auriol out

Didier Auriol, of France, one of the favourites to win the Acropolis Motor Rally, dropped out yesterday after his Lancia encountered mechanical problems. He leads the world standings.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

FLEET: 16km road race: 1, M Moughton (Shaftesbury Barnet), 30min 40sec; 2, M Bliss (Overton), 31:17; 3, R Hudson (Aldershot), 31:37. Teams: 1, Aldershot 20pts; 2, Ryde 35; 3, South London Harriers 36. Veterans: P Standing (Windsor), 31:45. Women: S Sharp (Aldershot) 36:45.

CROYDON: Southern Counties Veterans Championships: 800m: D Spencer (Shaftesbury/Barnet), 2min 02.7. 1,500m: P Molloy (Shaftesbury/Barnet), 4:13.5. 5,000m: K Penny (Cambridge Harriers), 15:19.45. 3,000m steeplechase: B Daprowski (Barnet AC), 10:17.1. 110m hurdles: M James (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 16.7. Long jump: M James 13.14m. Shot: N Griffin (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 13.17m. Javelin: K Turnbull (Dartford Harriers), 57.30m. Women: 5,000m: G Penny (Cambridge Harriers), 17.32.2. Hammer: P McNab (St Albans) 39.62m.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Expos 5, New York Mets 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, Chicago Cubs 2; St Louis Cardinals 3, Philadelphia Phillies 2 (11 inns); San Diego Padres 10, Houston Astros 2; San Francisco Giants 10, Cincinnati Reds 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Atlanta Braves 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 5, New York Yankees 3; Baltimore Orioles 6, Milwaukee Brewers 4; Texas Rangers 1, California Angels 0.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Kent 135, Norfolk 92; South-West Counties 114, Midland Counties 91.

BOXING

BIRMINGHAM: Light-heavyweight (8 rnds): John Foreman (Birmingham) bt Brian Schumacher (Liverpool), rsc 4th. Light-middle (8 rnds): Dave Whittle (Newcastle) bt Alfie Andrews (Birmingham), pts. Light-welter (8 rnds): Brandon Ryan (Nottingham) bt Malcolm Melvin (Birmingham), rsc 7th. Feather (6 rnds): Steve Walker (Manchester) bt Gary Peynado (Birmingham), pts.

LOS ANGELES: WBC light-flyweight championship: Humberto Gonzalez (Mex) ko Luis Monzote (US), 3rd.

GLASGOW: Featherweight (8 rnds): E Cook (Larkhall) bt N Leech (Scunthorpe), pts; J McBride (Glasgow) bt P Judson (Keighley), pts. Super feather (6 rnds): F Foster (Newcastle) bt S Rimmer (St Helens), pts; flight (6 rnds): J Walker (Kilmarnock) bt G Quigley (Arbroath), rsc 4th.

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: The Oval: Surrey 190 (J D Robinson 68, K T Medlycott 53, R M Ellison 4-37). Kent 188 (N J Llong 74 not out). Surrey won by 2 runs. Moseley: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire, match abandoned (no result). Worksop College: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire, match abandoned (no result). Uppingham: Leicestershire v Lancashire, match abandoned (no result). Southampton: Hampshire 232-3 (R J Scott 86, J R Wood 66 not out); Middlesex 207 (I J F Hutchinson 70). Hampshire won by 25 runs. Taunton: Worcester 215-7 (D A Leatherdale 82); Somerset 165-1 (J J E Hardy 89, I Fletcher 62 not out). Somerset won on faster scoring-rate.

CRICKETER CUP: First round: *St Edward's Martyrs 175, Old Wellingtonians 176-4; Repton Pilgrims 157, Shrewsbury Saracens 159-5; Old Wykehamists 128, *Old Malvernians 130-5; Old Westminsters 117, Uppingham Rovers 120-1; Rugby Meteors 174-6, Old Blundellians 115; Stowe Templers 161, Bradfield Waifs 152-5; Harrow Wanderers 124-6, Old Cheltonians 72; Old Amplefordians 128-9, *Downside Wanderers 134-4; Lancing Rovers 141-9, *Charterhouse Friars 142-9.

OTHER MATCH: Essex II 201-6 dec (Lewis 95) and 43-0; Army 63 and 180. Essex II won by 10 wickets.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Sedbergh 183-3, *Rossall 104-9; Old Dovorians 193, *Dover 192-8; Forty Club 114, *Llandovery 117-3; Cranleigh 209 (Newton 5-31), *Epsom 121 (G Atkinson 7-32); St John's, Leatherhead 127, St Paul's 128-4.

EQUESTRIANISM

BREDA, The Netherlands: Three-day event: Individual: 1, Henbury G Old (E Hoogen, Neth), 48.0; 2, Crocodile Dundee (B Overesch, WG), 50.4; 3, Mungo Jerry (N McIrvine, GB) 54.0; 4, Bristol's Park Vale (M Stibbe, Neth), 54.6; 5, King Max (M Thompson, GB), 58.8. Other British placing: 16, Derby Spirit (F Hooper), 80.4. Team: 1, Netherlands, 188.0; 2, Britain, 191.2; 3, France, 202.8; 4, East Germany, 296.2; 5, Poland, 345.0; 6, Belgium, 538.4.

GOLF

US PGA MONEY WINNERS: (US unless stated): 1, G Norman (Aus), $761,438; 2, P Stewart, $634,616; 3, M Calcavecchia, $632,744; 4, P Azinger, $518,431; 5, F Couples, $516,239; 6, G Morgan, $498,682; 7, J Mudd, $388,728; 8, R Gamez, $372,624; 9, P Jacobsen, $360,667; 10, S Elkington (Aus), $352,222. British placings: 20, N Faldo, $269,517; 122, I Woosnam, $52,795; 139, A Lyle, $44,497; 163, R Rafferty, $25,122.

FOOTBALL

DUSSELDORF: International youth tournament: Final: Nottingham Forest 1, Kaiserslautern 1 (Nottingham Forest won on penalties).

MOTORCYCLING

ISLE OF MAN TT: Juniors (Four laps, 150.92 miles): 1, I Lougher (Yamaha) 1hr 18min 37.6sec, (115.16mph); 2, S Hislop (Honda), 1:18.39.4; 3, E Laycock (Yamaha), 1:20.24.0; 4, C Fogarty (Honda), 1:20.27.2; 5, J Rea (Yamaha), 1:20.35.2; 6, P McCallen (Honda), 1:21.7.6. Sidecar: Race A: (3 laps, 113.19 miles): 1, D Saville and N Roche (Retford, 350 Yamaha), 1:07:25.6; 2, M Boddice and D Wells (Kidderminster), 600 Honda), 1:09:7.4; 3, N Smith and S Mace (Mirfield), 350 Yamaha, 1:09:19.4; 4, K Howles and S Pointer (Kidderminster), 350 Yamaha, 1:10:29.0; 5, A Oates and S Pitts (IOM), 600 Kawasaki, 1:11:06.6; 6, E Wright and A Hetherington (Tadcaster), 350 Yamaha, 1:11:11.6.

SNOOKER

ROTHMANS GRAND PRIX: Second round: P Gibson (England) bt D Taylor (Eng), 5-4; M Bennett (Wales) bt J Dunning (Eng), 5-0; D Morgan (Wales) bt J Rea (Sco), 5-2; K Owers (Eng) bt B Rowswell (Eng), 5-2; T Jones (Eng) bt P Watchorn (Rep of Ire), 5-2; R Marshall (Eng) bt J Prince (N Ire), 5-1; R Williams (Eng) bt V Harris (Eng), 5-1; N Gilbert (Eng) bt F Chan (HK), 5-3; J Chambers (Eng) bt S Meakin (Eng), 5-4; J Smith (Eng) bt S Longworth (Eng), 5-3; B Gollan (Can) bt M Morra (Can), 5-2; J Wright (Eng) bt C Edwards (Eng), 5-2; K Stevens (Can) bt T Chappel (Wales), 5-3; B Harris (Eng) bt W King (Aus), 5-3.

BLACKPOOL: StormSeal UK Championships: First round: J Birch (Eng) bt M Smith (Eng), 6-2; A McManus (Scot) bt E Sinclair (Scot), 6-4; P Houlihan (Eng) bt J Wright (Eng), 6-1; A Cairns (Eng) bt J Dunning (Eng), 6-2; G Natale (Can) bt R Reardon (Wal), 6-3; N Dyson (Eng) bt J Bear (Can), 6-4; D Campbell (Scot) bt K Stevens (Can), 6-4; G Miles (Eng) bt J Whitaker (Eng), 6-4; T Murphy (N Ire) bt C Cookson (Eng) 6-5; T Wilson (Eng) bt M Darrington (Eng), 6-2; F Chan (HK) bt G Cripsey, (Eng) 6-4; M Bradley (Eng) bt P Gibson (Eng), 6-4; M Price (Eng) bt J Donnelly (Scot), 6-5; M Morra (Can) bt M Fisher (Eng), 6-3.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: France XV 22, Australian Capital Territory 21 (in Canberra).

REAL TENNIS

CLUB MATCH: Oratory bt Bristol and Bath 4-1 (Oratory names first): A Tanner and G Tanner lost to S Macintosh and H Macintosh 4-6, 2-6; M Parson and R Lewson bt L Horrocks and P Probyn 6-2, 6-3; S Leigh and B Sharp bt R Brown and J Bretten 6-4, 6-5; D Gordon and C Kinlock bt M Jones and J Parker 3-6, 6-3, 6-5; R Knight and B Henning bt J Potter and K Cook 6-5, 6-2.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Wolves 51, King's Lynn 39.

KNOCKOUT CUP: Second round, first leg: Exeter 61, Wimbledon 35.

SQUASH RACKETS

JOHANNESBURG: South African Open: Final: Irving (Aus) bt L Opie (GB), 10-8, 9-7, 9-3. Third place: A Cumings (GB) bt F Graeves (GB), 9-5, 2-9, 9-0, 9-2.

YACHTING

LAKE GARDA, Italy: International 14 European championship: Final positions: 1, T Robinson and B Grant (GB), 21.70pts; 2, G Stanley and J Hodgart (GB), 23.0; 3, P Arvelors and P Dahlof (Swe), 40.10. Other British placings: 16, C Nutter and M Morris (GB) 117.

SHOOTING

ZURICH: UIT World Cup: 60 shots smallbore prone: 1, V Zsolt (Hung), 702.8 (599 world record); 2, H Stenvaag (Nor), 700.6 (596); 3, S Bereckzy (Hung), 699.4 (598). British placings: 5, P Scanlon, 698 (597 British record); A Allan, 594; N Braisher, 583.

Gennoe signs up

TERRY Gennoe, the goalkeeper of Blackburn football club, signed a new two-year contract yesterday. As well as remaining first-choice goalkeeper, he will assist in the coaching and development of the club's youngsters.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance championship

11.0, 110 overs minimum

ILFORD: Essex v Gloucestershire

BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Somerset

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Yorkshire

LORD'S: Middlesex v Warwickshire

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire

THE OVAL: Surrey v Derbyshire

Other match

11.30-6.30

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire

ICC TROPHY (The Netherlands).

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: March: Cambridgeshire v Staffordshire.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Ilkeston: Derbyshire v Surrey; Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex; Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire; Oundle School: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire; Hove: Sussex v Worcestershire; Studley: Warwickshire v Essex; Headingley: Yorkshire v Glamorgan.

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Milk Race (Sunderland to Carlisle).

GOLF: Amateur championship (Muirfield). Scottish assistants matchplay (Dalmahoy).

MOTORCYCLING: Isle of Man TT.

SNOOKER: StormSeal UK championships (Blackpool).

SPEEDWAY: England v Rest of the World (Wolverhampton). Sunbrite League: Oxford v Belle Vue. National League: Glasgow v Edinburgh. Long Eaton: East Midlands Pairs. Knockout Cup: Second round, second leg: Wimbledon v Exeter.

TENNIS: Direct Line tournament (Beckenham).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 8-9pm: Manchester Spartans v Amsterdam Crusaders from Oldham.

ATHLETICS: Eurosport 9-10am: Highlights of the Men's European Clubs Cup from Jerez, Spain.

BASEBALL: Screensport 11.30am-1.30pm: Highlights of Major League from the United States.

BOXING: Screensport 7-8.30am: Professional event from the United States; BSB 2-4pm: NABF super-flyweight title: Akeem v Flores from Las Vegas; Eurosport 8-10pm: World championship highlights.

CRICKET: BBC1 3.05-3.35pm: Profile of the umpire, Dickie Bird.

EQUESTRIANISM: Screensport 4.30-5pm: Show jumping: Highlights of the Hungarian Grand Prix.

FOOTBALL: Eurosport 8.30-9am and 10-10.30pm: World Cup preview: Screensport 5-6pm: World Cup: International team profiles: West Germany and Italy: ITV 10.40-11.50pm: World Cup preview.

GOLF: Screensport 9-11pm: Highlights of the Kemper Open Potomac tournament from the United States.

MOTORCYCLING: BSB 5-6, 6.30-7.30 and 9.30-10pm: Moto-cross, and Isle of Man TT racing: Highlights from previous years: ITV 4.10-4.40am (tomorrow): Highlight of Moto-cross.

MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 9.30-11.30am, 1.30-3.30pm and 11pm-1am: Highlights of the IMSA Camel GTP, NASCAR Winston Cup, and Indy Cart 200: BSB 11pm-midnight: 'On Four Wheels'.

RACING: BSB 1.30-2 and 10-10.30pm: Racing news: C4 2-5pm: 2.15, 2.45, 3.45 and 4.40 from Epsom.

RUGBY LEAGUE: BSB 6-6.30pm: Australian league.

SPORTSDESK: BSB 1.25, 6.0, 7.30, 10.30 and midnight.

TENNIS: Eurosport 10am-7pm and 10.30pm-12.30am: Live coverage and further highlights of the French championships from Paris.

THAI BOXING: Screensport 3.30-4.30pm.

TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 7-8pm: Sport from around the world.

UPDATE: Screensport 6pm.

WIDE WORLD OF SPORT: Screensport 8.30-9.30am.

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Scots fix steely gaze on C Rica

ANDY Roxburgh, the Scotland football coach, has his sights no further ahead than his squad's opening game against Costa Rica on Monday. "That is our World Cup final," he said yesterday.

Roxburgh, whose squad flies to Italy this morning, insisted: "We are not looking beyond that first game against Costa Rica. It is our big event, the key match and we are totally blinkered about it."

He added: "If we can do well on Monday it will be a tremendous launching pad for the rest of the tournament. If not, we face a big uphill climb. There is certainly no way we can afford to pace ourselves in that first tie. We intend treating Costa Rica as if they are Brazil or Sweden."

With Monday afternoon's game in Genoa's Luigi Ferraris stadium in mind, Roxburgh held a full practice match at Kilmarnock yesterday. "We have less than a week before that vital match against Costa Rica," he said. "We must be absolutely sure that the 11 players we put on the field go out and run themselves into the ground for Scotland."

Roxburgh is confident that his players will be sharp after their brief interlude at home following last week's hard training in Malta. However several players have needed, in Roxburgh's words, "running repairs" in the last few weeks. Alex McLeish has not played since breaking his nose against Egypt on May 16, while the versatile midfield player, Murdo MacLeod, returned to his club, Borussia Dortmund, at the weekend for treatment on a groin injury. Mo Johnston, the forward, is improving by the day although still unable to train.

Dismissals will be expensive

Players shown two yellow cards or sent off during the World Cup finals will be fined up to 30,000 Swiss francs (approximately £12,575) on top of the automatic suspension they receive. The the move is part of the campaign to encourage fair play.

● Although Rome's Olympic Stadium, the venue for the World Cup final, does not comply fully with safety standards, it has been granted special dispensation so that it can be used.

● CALDARO: The West German central defender, Jürgen Kohler, may miss his country's opening World Cup match against Yugoslavia because of a muscle injury.

England's goodwill gesture

From STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
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ENGLAND started their last practice game here yesterday with a plea for supporters to behave themselves during the World Cup finals. The message was delivered in the shape of a deliberate own goal and, except for Beardsley's contribution, it was the most meaningful gesture of an otherwise empty public relations exercise.

The stunt was staged in front of scarcely 2,500 spectators but primarily for the television cameras. An official statement, broadcast over the loud speaker system, asked England's supporters: "Not to score own goals against football during this summer's World Cup. Say no to violence."

No more than a dozen were present at the fixture held here on the west coast of the island, as Bull kicked off and Beardsley rolled the ball back to McMahon, who had been chosen to illustrate the symbolic request more graphically. Earlier Jack Wiseman, the head of the England delegation, provided his own verbal reinforcement.

"We know that 99.9 per cent of the supporters in Italy for the World Cup want nothing more than to enjoy the football in peace. Our message is aimed at the few who might act violently out of a misplaced sense of patriotism. No country needs that kind of support.

"It is like giving away a goal before the match has even started."

The opposition drawn from third and fourth division clubs and including a sprinkling of amateurs, joined in the spirit of the festive occasion by immediately offering England an equalizer. It was provided, inadvertently as it happens, by the one prominent guest. Zola represents Napoli and is the regular understudy for Maradona although nobody could have guessed his professional background from his manner. He was as half hearted as the rest of his estranged colleagues.

Immediately, it was predictable that their defeat would be of heavy proportions.

England's final tally should have been 15 and might have been 20. It did not matter. "It was fun," Bobby Robson, the manager, said, "and we didn't loiter."

Seaman, though, was uncharacteristically startled by free kicks. One ricocheted off the bar and another, from Tomasso, beat him early in the second half.

For the record, Webb and Beardsley each scored three of England's goals, Bull claimed two and Platt and McMahon added the others. The only wrong note in the attractive tune was heard during the interval when they were 5-1 ahead. Wright complained of a twinge in his neck.

He was taken off as a precautionary measure and Robson expects his central defender to have recovered in a day or two, making him available for the opening tie against the Republic of Ireland next Monday. No one else was hurt during the sultry afternoon which ended amid a fine spray of drizzle.

Beardsley, Dorigo and McMahon were the prominent figures, if anything can be read into such a one-sided, gentle romp. Beardsley has belatedly come back into genuine contention for a place in the starting line-up.

"I was a bit worried at half-time because he hadn't scored any," the England manager said. "But once he changed from creator to attacker, he looked hungry and that's his best game since coming back from injury."

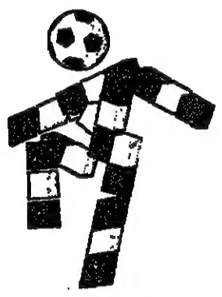
Since Dorigo impressed as well, it is all the more regrettable that he has not been introduced earlier as the left back.

Although Butcher was deliberately chosen by Robson to be the captain, McMahon ran the show from beginning to end and scored the most spectacular of the dozen goals. He overshadowed Webb, who again gave the impression that the World Cup is about to open a few weeks too early for him.

SARDINIAN XI: G Nici, S Spano, G Moro, G Bortolini, F Tomasso, G Marrocu, A Martinez, W Toll, G Ennas, B Zola, A Corda.
ENGLAND: D Seaman (Arsenal); G Stevens (Rangers), M Wright (Derby County); sub: S Hodge, Nottingham Forest), T Butcher (Rangers), A Dorigo (Chelsea), T Steven (Rangers), N Webb (Manchester United), S McMahon (Liverpool), D Platt (Aston Villa), P Beardsley (Liverpool), S Bull (Wolverhampton Wanderers).
Referee: G Gussardo.

IAN STEWART

Getting to grips: A Sardinian player trys an unorthodox method of halting Beardsley in England's last warm-up



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Whelan ruled out of England game

From CLIVE WHITE, RABAT

THE Republic of Ireland were forced yesterday to acknowledge that because of injury they will be without Ronnie Whelan, their driving force in midfield, against England in Cagliari on Monday, and in all probability at least a further game in the opening phase of the World Cup.

Whelan, who broke a bone in a foot playing for Liverpool against Arsenal on April 18, has declined so far to take part in any serious training here and forced Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, to concede that he will be without one of his most influential players for the game against England. "I won't take a chance with anyone. The people who play have got to be exactly right," Charlton said.

In attempting to improve muscle tone after the removal of his plaster a fortnight ago, Whelan has developed strains elsewhere in the leg. But the real problem has been the three weeks he spent walking on the injury before it was correctly diagnosed.

"From the day he took his pot off, I don't think we had any confidence that he would be right in time," Charlton said. "But he's still got at least three weeks to get himself 100 per cent fit to take part in the World Cup." Fortunately for the Irish, the recognised replacement is of the highest calibre – Townsend, the Norwich City player.

The other half of the injured Liverpool duo, Houghton, took part in training and looked sharp, according to Charlton. But he added: "I'm optimistic about Ray, but his back problem comes and goes."

Lewis's injury causes worry for selectors

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IN LAST summer's six-match series against Australia, England never once took their selected 12 into a game, such was the cruel persistence of their injury misfortune. Today at Trent Bridge, the party chosen for the first Cornhill Test against New Zealand will gather intact, but it is too soon to be confident that the fates have relented.

Before any serious planning can be done, on this first full practice day available to an England team at home in memory, the management must satisfy itself that Chris Lewis is fully fit to make his Test debut. And this may not be the formality hoped for.

Lewis, aged 22, the prospect from Guyana, was chosen with heart in mouth, having played no cricket for a week since complaining of a curious, heavy-legged condition usually associated with unfit business executives more than twice his age. Then, at the weekend, he pulled up short with a thigh injury which may, or may not, be connected.

The abandonment of yesterday's play at Grace Road not only blocked Hampshire's attempt to go top of the championship but prevented Lewis testing his recovery under match conditions. All he has done, since Saturday, is bat – rather impressively as it happens. England will be more concerned that he can bowl.

When Micky Stewart, the England manager, telephoned the Leicester ground yesterday he spoke not to Lewis himself but to his county captain, Nigel Briers. On this third-hand authority, it was decided that no stand-by bowler was needed, so England convened in Nottingham last night with the bare 12.

This might not be so alarming if Lewis had not taken it into his head to attempt a few turns and practice run-ups on a saturated outfield in mid-afternoon. Nothing could have been better designed for a relapse and he did not look exactly comfortable. However, he insisted afterwards that he was feeling a lot better than at the weekend and would have a conclusive work-out on the Test ground this morning.

If, as remains perfectly feasible, Lewis proves that he is not ready to bowl upwards of 30 overs in a five-day game, the selectors will have no alternative but to messily extract someone from a county game which will have already begun. David Capel, for instance, is engaged against Lewis's club at Northampton.

Another worry came yesterday when Eddie Hemmings, hobbled off the field at Tunbridge Wells with an ankle injury, even though he said it was "not all that serious."

Fitness problems notwithstanding, today's routine will seem an improvement on the token Wednesday afternoon gatherings of old. England's players will share a leisurely breakfast at their city centre hotel, train from mid-morning onwards and go into the Trent Bridge nets.

In the afternoon further nets, and specialized coaching, will be available for those who want it and Graham Gooch, the captain, intends to use the time to speak individually to his players and concentrate their minds. It is an attempt, and an admirable one, to create an atmosphere more akin to a team on tour than one dropping in from the hectic merry-go-round of county cricket.

Gooch himself remains in wonderful form. Yesterday, he scored his sixth century of the season for Essex against Middlesex, while at Horsham, Phillip DeFreitas was allaying some fears about his wicket-taking potential with six for 39, bowling Lancashire to victory over Sussex.

● Richard Hadlee is almost certain to be fit for New Zealand for the first Test.

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Derby gamble on Zoman develops

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

A BIG gamble developed on Zoman for this afternoon's Ever Ready Derby as both Razeen, the favourite, and Linamix, the strongly-fancied French challenger, were opposed in the market.

Razeen, as low as 5-2 in the morning, eased to 7-2. Linamix, 5-1 earlier in the day, was virtually friendless at 8-1 at the close of business. But Zoman, who had been on offer at 6-1, was backed to 5-1.

Zoman, runner-up to Linamix in the French classic, delighted Paul Cole, the colt's trainer and Richard Quinn, his jockey, in a spin round Tattenham Corner.

"He is in tremendous shape and I think he will stay," said the trainer, who like his jockey, is seeking a first classic success.

"Zoman and Quest For Fame are the two horses in demand," Mike Dillon, of Ladbrokes, said. "There is a real buzz on for Zoman. We laid an individual cash bet of £10,000 each-way in one of our offices. And after Sanglamore's win in the French Derby on Sunday, the punters are going for Quest For Fame to repeat the dose for Pat Eddery."

More than £35 million is expected to be wagered and 300,000 racegoers will throng the downs. "Although there has been less ante-post interest than usual, it will be business as usual today," Dillon said.

Wimbledon expulsion may spur Becker on

By ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE expulsion of Boris Becker from the practice courts at Wimbledon over the weekend has further antagonised an uneasy relationship. The Wimbledon champion, an automatic member of the All England club, was asked to leave the courts at Aorangi Park on Sunday by the club secretary, Roger Ambrose, because his playing partner, his coach, Bob Brett, was not a member of the club.

Two years ago, Becker was in a dispute over a car-park pass at Wimbledon and last year he was refused entry by a steward because he did not have his player's pass. Ironically, such inflexibility, combined with the recent disappointment of being beaten in the first round of the French Open, could give the West German the extra incentive he needs to carry off his fourth Wimbledon title. "It could just act in our favour," Wilson said.

Becker was reported to have turned down an invitation to attend the annual champions' dinner, given in Paris by the International Tennis Federation to honour their two world champions, Becker and Steffi Graf.

Greece is suspended by FIFA

GREECE was suspended from all international football competitions involving national teams or clubs yesterday for breaking FIFA regulations.

Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of FIFA, the governing body, said Greece would not be able to play international matches, including European championship qualifiers, and its teams could not take part in European club competitions until the national federation changed its constitution.

"Greece did not conform to FIFA regulations," he told a news conference. "There were problems with transfers and with foreign trainers. The federation was called to Zurich [FIFA headquarters] and asked to put it in order."

But, he said, there had been no response and FIFA had decided to suspend the federation until it conformed.

Supporters rally to the Hibs cause

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE supporters of Hibernian yesterday moved swiftly to try to avert the selling of the Edinburgh club to Wallace Mercer, the chairman of Heart of Midlothian. A 'Hands Off Hibs' committee has been formed by the supporters under the chairmanship of Kenny McLean, a former vice-chairman of the premier division club, and there will be a rally at Easter Road on Saturday, when a crowd of 30,000 is expected.

But last night David Duff, the Hibernian chairman, emerged from a board meeting to confirm that he had not seen a written offer from Mercer, who announced a bid of £6.12 million for the club on Monday. "When I see the offer document myself I will discuss it with my board and we will give our views on it but I have a duty to my shareholders to consider it," he said.

Mercer's home has been placed under a police guard after vandalism at his offices yesterday morning.

McLean also appealed to Hearts supporters to support the rally and show their disapproval of the proposed merger of the two leading Edinburgh clubs.

"The way the offer has been presented is ludicrous. It's my considered opinion that an offer of this magnitude could not have been prepared in such a short period of time," he said.

● Martin Edwards, the chairman of Manchester United, yesterday deferred a decision on when, and to whom, he is to sell his controlling interest in the club following a board meeting (Ian Ross writes).

Leeds add another big signing

LEEDS United have beaten several big clubs for the signature of Gary McAllister, the Leicester City midfield player, on the eve of his departure for the World Cup finals with Scotland. The fee will be decided by an FA tribunal.

McAllister joins another newcomer, John Lukic, the £1 million signing from Arsenal, on the staff at Elland Road.

● Les Sealey, Manchester United's surprise choice in goal for the FA Cup final replay against Crystal Palace, has signed a 12-month contract with the club.

● Watford, who have agreed to transfer their winger, Glyn Hodges, to the Spanish first division club, Real Sociedad, for £800,000, expect a decision today from the player, who is also wanted by Sheffield United.

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THE SINGLETON OF AUCHROISK

Case for Swindon to stay in the first division

JULIAN WILSON, the BBC Television racing correspondent, has a particular worry on this Derby Day. He is concerned about the plight of Swindon Town Football Club, which he has supported since 1953 and which faces a League commission tomorrow over allegations of irregular payments to players. Here, Wilson gives his reasons why Swindon, who have won the right to play in the first division next season for the first time, should not be punished too severely by being relegated.

1. In sport, as in life, the punishment should fit the crime. For example, the Jockey Club has modified the Rules of Racing so that a horse is disqualified for interference only if he has improved his placing by that interference. Swindon Town have certainly not improved their position in the League through their alleged fiscal improprieties.

2. The football season constitutes an annual contract between club and supporter. The season ticket-holder buys his ticket under the trades description that "the target is promotion". That reward should be protected.

3. Swindon's crowd and disciplinary record has been exemplary during 1989-90 (after the first game!). Team and supporters have been widely acclaimed as a credit to the second division. To bar Swindon from the first division now would be a facsimile of the injustice that bans Liverpool and Aston Villa from Europe because of the misconduct of others.

4. Swindon have conformed to all Football League requirements. Five home games last season were played on Sunday, although this was voted unpopular by supporters. There was a reduction in ground capacity and strong policing. Now, in response to the Taylor Report, the County Ground will be made all-seat and the capacity reduced to 15,000 (from 32,000 in the late 1970s).

5. To relegate Swindon would be the equivalent of disqualifying a Derby winner because of a false registration. If that happened, at least the punters would be paid.

6. Sadly, Swindon's alleged offences are a manifestation of contemporary society. But when newspapers were found to be employing individuals with false names, were they kicked out of Fleet Street?

7. Above all, football should be about what happens on the field of play. It was gratifying to read Louise Taylor's comment in *The Times* after their victory over Sunderland in the play-off at Wembley: "Should Swindon fail to appear among the elite, it will be the first division's loss".

8. Ossie Ardiles. Rarely, if ever, has a Football League manager conducted himself better. Courteous ... correct ... pursuing the highest standards both on and off the field. A gentleman and a credit to his profession.

9. To impose the ultimate punishment would be a charter for unscrupulous cheque-book journalists to destroy football.

10. Relegation, surely, would be contrary to the laws of natural justice. For the supporters who have travelled the length and breadth of England, often treated like cattle; for the players and management who have sweated blood; and for the board which has had to make unpopular decisions to comply with the League, the Taylor Report and the Wiltshire Police. Above all, for the older supporters who have waited a life-time for the magic moment.

Is it fair to promise a child a reward if he passes his exam, and then not to deliver?